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Clinton Gives China Year's Extension of Low Tariffs

But President Reiterates Demand That Beijing Improve Rights Record

By Daniel Williams

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton and Thursday that he would continue favorable rade status for China during the coming year, with further extensions conditional on human-

But two other issues of contention — compli-mee with U.S. standards for free commerce and arms proliferation - will be handled sepa-

The steps represented a retreat from Mr. Linton's pledges during the presidential cambaign, when he endorsed legislation that would be China's most-favored-nation status to hu-

ie China's most-favored-nation status to hunan rights, arms sales and trade. Mr. Clinton
nad accused his predecessor, President George
Bush, of ignoring China's human-rights record
when he vetoed the bills.

After months of review and unsuccessful
afforts to press China for cooperation, Mr.
Linton altered his approach. During a telerised "town meeting" from the White House
Rose Garden, he said the twin goals of supportng market reform in China and ensuring that
American businesses win a significant share of American businesses win a significant share of Chinese commerce influenced his decision.

"I basically have decided to extend mostavored-nation status for a year," he said, "be-anse I want to support modernization in China and it's a great opportunity for America there." But I want to make it clear to them," he added, "that there has to be some progress on

figures rights." He specifically referred to China's use of prison labor. "Our trade disputes and our disputes about arms sales, I'm going to take out of this issue and negotiate with them directly."

Mr. Clinton characterized the omission of trade and arms sales as a gesture of conciliation with Beijing. "I think they'll appreciate the gesture I'm making, but I hope they understand" that the United States just can't turn its back on the abuse of lots of people," he said.

The United States offers most-favored-nation status to most of its frading partners, making them eligible for the lowest available tariffs on their withdraws, there is to an average of nearly 40 percent from about 8.

Administration officials pressed the idea that the policy will permit Mr. Clinton to be tougher on China. Most-favored-nation status, if revoked, would only increase tariffs on Chinese goods, they argued. Other laws could result in See CHINA, Page 2

■ * A Bruised Major Shuffles Cabinet, Lamont Is Out

By William Schmidt New York Times Service

LONDON - In a bid to restore ebbing public confidence in his government, Prime Minister John Major reshuffled his cabinet on Thursday, dumping Norman Lamont, the chancellor of the Exchequer who has presided over Britain's longest recession since the 1930s.

Mr. Lamont, 51, had become the chief target

of the prime minister's critics, and a national symbol - some would say scapegoat - of the government's political decline, as unemployment rose to more than 3 million during the

First year of Mr. Major's government.
In a letter to Mr. Lamont, Mr. Major sought to soften the blow to his longtime friend and ally, praising the chancellor for his "outstanding achievements, including policies that re-duced inflation in Britain to barely 2 percent, its lowest level in more than 30 years. But in a separate statement, Downing Street

officials said the prime minister had concluded that it was time to "refresh the government." In addition to dropping Mr. Lamont, who will be replaced by Kenneth Clarke, 53, currently serving as home secretary, Mr. Major shuffled 5 of the 21 cabinet posts. Neither the foreign nor defense portfolio was affected.

Among the other changes, Michael Howard, 51, the current environment secretary, will succeed Mr. Clarke as home secretary, and Gillian Shephard, 53, now employment secretary, was promoted to head the Ministry of Agriculture,

promotest to head the Mimstry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Mrs. Shephard is one of two women serving in Mr. Major's cabinet.

It is not clear whether the changes signal a shift in the government's handling of the economy or other policies, although some analysts describe Mr. Clarke as a political pragmatist

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Car Bomb Devastates Uffizi Gallery in Florence

5 Killed, Police See Mafia Link

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Server

FLORENCE — With a force that col-

Indicated the with a force that collapsed a medieval tower, killed five people and reverberated across the world of art, a carbomb blew its way through the Uffizi Gallery on Thursday, showering priceless paintings with splintered glass, destroying some works and tearing the limbs from Roman statues. Italian authorities immediately ascribed the explosion, which also wounded 26 people, to shadowy terrorist forces or the Mafia. "It was an attack on Italy's cultural and

"It was an attack on Italy's cultural and artistic patrimony," said Alberto Ronchey, the minister of culture. "This is a case of indiscriminate terror."

"This is a case of indiscriminate terror," said Pierluigi Vigna, the investigating magistrate. "We have found the crater. It was definitely caused by explosives."

Gianni de Gennaro, one of Italy's top anni-Mafia investigators, said the attack was "in the style of the Mafia, directed toward terror-ist ends." He said that a strategy of terror was "in the Mafia's interest right now" after a series of setbacks for the Sicilian crime syndicate on its own turf cate on its own turf. The 16th-century Uffizi is viewed as one of

Curators more quickly to protect artworks from the elements. Page 2.

the world's leading galleries, crammed with hundreds of paintings from the 13th to the 18th centuries by such masters as Botticelli and Caravaggio, and visited by around I

and Caravaggo, and visited by around 1 million people a year. Its collection is Italy's greatest assembly of art.

According to the gallery's director, Anna Mana Toffani-Petrioli, three works—one by the 17th century Dutch painter Gernit van Henthorst and two by the Italian Bartolomeo Mainfiedi — were destroyed and 30 more including Sebastiano del Piombo's "Death of

Adonis," were badly damaged.

Mr. Ronchey said the damaged works also included paintings by Rubens, Van Dyck and the 13th-century "Madonna della Costa" by Giotto, which had been in storage in a nearby

Most of the damage was caused by flying glass. "Death of Adoms" was said to have been slashed horizontally by a shard.

The blast shook the west wing of the gal-

kery on the banks of the Arno River, leaving The exit staircase in a state of collapse, the wand in Vesus couldor over the Armo sampeted with broken glass.

It looked as if it had been raining glass.

Hundreds of paintings were removed from the gallery for safekeeping, he said. Journal-ists were barred from inspecting the damage because, officials said, the gallery was unsafe and some of its coilings were in danger of

"Many of the paintings were protected by bulletproof glass screens installed recently to prevent vandalism," Mrs. Toffani-Petrioli said. "Without them the damage would have

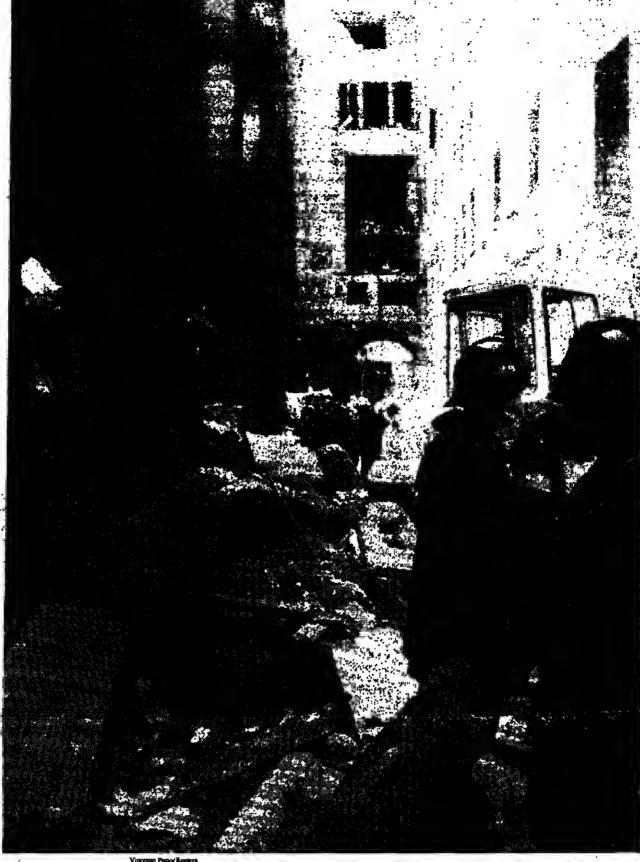
The damage to statues, which she de-scribed as repairable, principally affected a group called "Niobe and her Children," a Roman copy from the Greek, according to Florence's fine arts superintendent, Antonio Paolucci.

The gallery's collection of Botticellis, Caravaggios, Michelangelos and da Vincis apparently escaped serious damage. But, Mr. Ronchey said, the documents that make up the 10-year effort to catalogue the gallery's collection fully were destroyed.

The attack represented the greatest disaster

for the city's cultural heritage since the 1966 flood that damaged or destroyed hundreds of paintings and manuscripts. The explosion stunned many Florentines, who are used to seeing their city as aloof from Italy's woes. "We Florentines have become afraid," said Grazia Stianti, a storekeeper in the city. "We cannot feel at ease here anymore."

According to investigators the explosives that caused the blast had been planted in a car parked in a narrow street behind the Uffizi's west wing. The car blew up just after I A.M. when the nearby Piazza Signoria, with its imitation of Michelangelo's monumental



Firemen checking the damage Thursday after the attack at the Uffizi Gallery.

statue of David, was dotted with late-night

By far the worst-hit building was a medi-eval tower, the Torre delle Pulci, behind the Uffizi, where a family of four had been sleeping in their third-floor apartment. The bodies —including those of girls age 9 months and 8-years — were found at ground level after the building's interior collapsed. The other victim lived in a building across the street from

the Uffizi's west wing.

The blast blew into neighboring buildings "like a fireball," said a fire department official, and funneled its way around the Uffizi so that even windows in the east wing were

"I had no idea what it was," said a waiter at one of the Piazza Signoria's cafes. "It was just a huge blast. We all thought it was a gas

Police officers cordoned off the Uffizi area. leaving many tourists who had come to see the paintings craning for a look at the dam-See UFFIZI, Page 2

The Artistic Toll The car bomb shattered windows and skylights in 20 of the Uffizi's 45 rooms. Three paintings in the gallery's west wing were destroyed and 30 works badly damaged. 1 Destroyed: Gerrit van Horthorst's "Birth of Christ;" "Good Fortune" and "Scenes of Life" by Bartolomeo Manfredi (school of Caravaggio). 2 Twenty paintings damaged include Sebastiano del Piombo's "Death of Adonis" and works by Rubens and Van Dyck. 3 Roman statues, including the group "Niobe and her Children" ARNO RIVER

Accord in EC Eases Way For Global **Trade Pact**

Deal Meets Demands From French for Higher Payments for Idle Land

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - The European Community set the stage for a breakthrough in global trade negotiations on Thursday by agreeing to a long-delayed reform of its Common Agricultural

The agreement, reached after more than three days of negotiations, met French demands for a significant increase in income supports for farmers who take land out of produc-

As a result, EC officials said they expected France to drop its longstanding opposition to an EC-U.S. deal on oilseed production and allow EC foreign ministers to approve it next month. That deal is a key element of a wider farm accord with the United States that was

Some French farmers believe the reform is good for them, and for the land. Page 13.

aimed at breaking the deadlock in the Uruguay Round of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Alain Juppe, France's foreign minister, hailed the agreement in the National Assembly. He said it went a long way toward meeting the new conservative government's demands on farm issues and "is going to permit us to make progress on the other aspects of the GATT

negotiations."
"We have reached a compromise that appears really positive for France and Europe,"
Agriculture Minister Jean Puech told reporters in Paris. "We will have a more open attitude in international talks."

French farm unions greeted the deal as a partial success. The Permanent Assembly of Agriculture Chambers, a powerful lobby group, said "the deal does not meet the expectations of farmers, who have grave worries concerning the oilseed deal" and the GATT talks, Reuters

American officials declined to comment publicly, saying the CAP reform was an internal EC issue and that, as far as Washington was concerned, the Community has committed itself to carrying out the oilseed agreement.

One U.S. official, who spoke on condition of them meet their Uruguay Round commit-ments," but cautioned that the Community would still need to make "significant adjustments" in farm policy as part of a global trade

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U.S. Moves to Put Sanctions on EC

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche WASHINGTON -The Clinton administration said Thursday that it was imposing trade sanctions on the European Community in a dispute involving government contracts for telecommunications equipment.

Sir Leon Brittan, the Community's top trade negotiator, called the action "neither justified, wise nor necessary." It is expected to affect only about \$20 million of EC products.

The administration said it would bar Europe-

an companies from bidding for certain federal contracts starting Friday, the day the official notice was to be published in the Federal Register. The two sides have accused each other of blocking outside companies' access to certain lucrative government contracts.

In a statement issued in Brussels, Sir Leon said be would begin immediate consultations with EC member countries to determine "the appropriate reaction from the Community," adding that Washington "cannot expect us to

ignore" such measures.

Asked about the timing of possible European countermeasures. Peter Guilford, Sir Leon's spokesman said, "We will not drag our feet."

Challenging France's Business Traditions

ing hardware.

He's not alone in the war. As the French

economy enters recession and memployment

soars past 3 million people and 11 percent. business leaders are increasingly challenging the cultural, sociological and historical tradi-

tions that have dictated how French companies

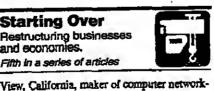
By Jacques Neher

Special to the Herald Tribone
PARIS — Since arriving here from his Silicon Valley headquarters 18 months ago, Robin Hays has been trying to teach his nine French employees the basics of American sales prac-

But, despite his constant "drilling, drilling, drilling" he says they still sometimes forget that they should not argue with customers, that they should always try to he of service, or even that they should return phone calls.

"Every day, it's Robin at war with France," said Mr. Hays, the president of Allied Telesis France SA, a sales subsidiary of the Mountain **Starting Over** Restructuring businesses and economies. Fifth in a series of articles

are organized and do business.



ble, even after the economy rebounds, unless government, business and labor act to over-come these ingrained traditions. What is needed, these business leaders say, is a restructuring of relationships and behaviors that, along with price competitiveness, affect how well French industry penetrates the global market. Among the constraints on French compa-

A rigid and costly system of social benefits

 A distaste for sales, marketing and customer service that is likely to hurt French compa-

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Israel Frees 250 Palestinian Inmates

GAZA, Israeli Occupied Gaza Strip (Reuters) - Israel said it freed 250 Palestinian prisoners on Thursday in a holiday gesture to Muslims, but Arabs living on the occupied Gaza Strip said the army simultaneously tightened a ban on entry to Israel by

Officials have announced that Israel would release 280 Palestinians ahead of next week's Eid al-Adha feast. At the same time Palestinians said that soldiers had been confiscating entry permits for Israel without explanation. By Thursday about 1,000 permits had been taken, they said.

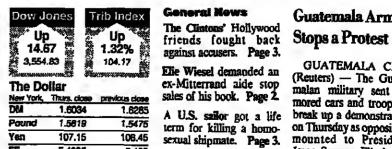
Guatemala Army

GUATEMALA CITY

(Reuters) - The Guate-

malan military sent ar-

mored cars and troops to



Elie Wiesel demanded an ex-Mitterrand aide stop sales of his book. Page 2. A U.S. sailor got a life term for killing a homosexual shipmate. Page 3. 5.482

Business/Finance The yen surped again, but intervention beiped to

break up a demonstration on Thursday as opposition mounted to President Jorge Serrano Elias's seizure of near-dictatorial

He dissolved the Con-Page 13. gress and Supreme Court.

Jordan Out Gambling Before Game

Before his Chicago Bulls jost to the New York Knicks in the National Basketball Association's playoffs, Michael Jordan was gambling in a casino in Atlantic City, New

Page 20.

Jersey, as late as 2:30 the morning of the game, The New York Times reported. Jordan admitted he was gambling, but said he left at 11 P.M.

The Quiet Historian Who Taught Japan a Lesson By David E. Sanger nesse establishment, waves aside any suspession that Lesson

TOKYO — Saburo lenaga is 80 now, frail and a bit unsteady as he moves around the narrow library of his house, but seemingly unfazed that the Japanese government finally routed him in the lawsuit to which he devoted a third of his life.

Twenty-eight years after he first went to court to challenge the way the deeply conservative Education Ministry recounts wartime history, the Supreme Court ruled two months ago that wartime instory, the Supreme Court rusci two months ago that the government was well within its rights when it forced Mr. Ienaga to delete uncomfortable particulars about how Japan invaded Korea and Manchuria, and to skip by the rapes and invaded Korea and Manchuria, and to skip by the rapes and killings that accompanied its occupation of Southeast Asia.

But Mr. Ienaga, who speaks in a voice so soft that it seems oddly incongruous with his harsh condemnations of the Japa-

nese establishment, waves aside any suggestion that he wasted forced to back away from the days when it left publishers

who did score one early victory when the case was in the lower courts. 'In the end, almost no one wins a lawsuit in Japan against the government. But for more than 20 years I think I have proved a great deal. Even if I couldn't win in court, in the court of history I think I have been victorious."

Indeed, Mr. lenaga is more responsible than anyone in the country for embarrassing the government into presenting an even slightly more balanced view of World War II in school texts. His one-man crusade roused South Korea, Singapore and China, among others,

Their complaints led to a new generation of textbooks just now coming out. While no one would turn to the books for an even-handed view of the war, the Education Ministry has been

cowering in fear. Now, it has even begun making public the

Mr. lenaga's own textbook, first written in the 1960s, remains banned from the schools. Even after he made more than 400 revisions, the government said it stepped over the bounds of appropriate discourse. Particularly unsuitable, in the official view, were the book's descriptions of how Chinese prisoners of war were used as

Unit 731, and its suggestions that myth may have a lot to do with the imperial family's unbroken lineage back to the gods who created the Japanese islands. Mr. Ienaga is one of those rare Japanese rebels who have survived by making it clear that they care not a wit if they are

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By Joseph Fitchett ional Herald Tribune PARIS - Rejecting Jacques Attali's denials of plagiarism, the au-thor Elie Wiesel demanded Thursday that Mr. Attali, the head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, withdraw his book "Verbatim" from sale because it misused conversations between Mr. Wiesel and President François Mitterrand.

At the very least, Mr. Wiesel said, any future edition should omit roughly 40 passages presented in the book as having been said to Mr. Attali. The passages were actu-ally lifted, Mr. Wiesel says, from his own talks with Mr. Mitterrand for another book.

Mr. Wiesel's call for public amends from Mr. Attali — in an interview and in a statement published in Paris by the Nouvel Observateur magazine — increased the pressure on Mr. Mitterrand to distance himself from Mr. Attali, public truce and he agreed because Ironically, Mr. Attali's book was

designed at least partly to dispel doubts about Mr. Mitterrand's tenure: as an insider's account, it throws fresh, flattering light on the French leader's handling of crises such as German reunification.

Since the controversy broke about Mr. Attali's decision to misrepresent the dates of conversations, other actors in "Verbatim," including former Socialist cabinet ministers, have challenged Mr. Attali's version of events.

Presidential embarrassment was implicit Thursday when Mr. Wiesel said that Mr. Mitterrand had told him that be wanted to proceed with publication of their book.

Mr. Attali has acknowledged incorporating text from the two men's discussions about spiritual matters into his own book, misrepresenting them as conversations be conducted and in some instances placing them several years earlier than the actual discussions. They were my subjects, 10 non-

political subjects that I suggested," Mr. Wiesel said by phone from New York, emphasizing that the themes as well as the actual words were intellectual creations solely of himself and Mr. Mitterrand.

As the plagiarism controversy

and wood splinters covered its floors.

birds and the outside air.

Curators Move

To Save Canvases

By Susan Lumsden

Special to the Herald Tribune

FLORENCE — Empty frames bung crookedly on the bomb-damaged walls of the Uffizi Gallery on Thursday, and a sea of glass

Late in the afternoon, workers were still maneuvering nylon sheets

across broken windows and skylights in the oldest museum in the world. Dozens of the Uffizi's paintings, bit by flying glass, now wore art curators' bandages to protect them against further damage from

"If most of the paintings were undamaged by glass, they will be harmed by the polluted air now circulating in the open galleries,"

said Lucia Monaci, an art historian in the museum's prints and

drawings section. "The microclimate created by curators and scien-

tists to prevent damaging extremes of temperature and bumidity are

all gone."

Gianvittorio Dillon, director of the prints and drawings section, which was not damaged by the explosion, said that 300 paintings had been moved by late in the day. Many of them had been blown off

The west wing was the most heavily damaged part of the historic building, which was designed by Georgio Vasari in 1565 to bouse the administrative offices of the Medici dynasty. "We are only beginning to see the damage," said Antonio Godoli, an architect at the Uffizi.

The museum may be closed for months, mainly because the exit,

the monumental staircase by Bernardo Buontalenti, was severely

weakened in its underpinnings by the car bomb.

Officials said that three paintings damaged beyond repair were
"The Birth of Christ" by Gerrit van Honthorst and "Scenes of Life"
and "Good Fortune" by Bartolomeo Manfredi, both 17th-century
masters who painted in the style of Caravaggio.

Michelangelo's "Tondo Doni," restored just a few years ago, was
saved by thick bulletproof glass. Less fortunate were three Roman
statues, which had head, legs or arms blown off. The Uffizi's
restoration laboratory was also badly damaged.

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weakened in its underpinnings by the car bomb.

Kohl Warns West Over Ex-Mitterrand Aide Accepting has fed into new disclosures about Serb Gains Mr. Attali's free-spending ways as

the head of the London-based

bank, Mr. Mitterrand's office has

refused to comment, even about

Mr. Attali's assertion that his book

was read in proof and approved by

Thursday by le Nouvel Observa-

the latter's wrongdoing was abun-

against le Nouvel Observateur.

Several legal experts expressed

doubt that the case would ever

come to court, because French law

created, not just from when it is published. In Paris, Odile Jacob,

the publisher of the projected book by Mr. Wiesel and Mr. Mitterrand,

has said that she has a copy of the

two men's text as proof of their

Mr. Attali then broke that un-

Mitterrand-Wiesel manuscript.

the 76-year-old French leader.

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl declared Thursday that Western policy in Bosnia-Herzegovina must not abandon the principles of the Vance-Owen peace plan.

Freneb media have also accused "This means in particular that Mr. Attali again of extravagance, we must not recognize the circum-stances that the Serbian side has reporting among other things that he sought a payment of 5 million French francs (\$912,000) for an ofestablished by military means," Mr. Kohl told a conference on Euficial apartment in Paris for the bank be heads. The government denied and then confirmed the reropean unity.

He said it was now a matter of "the physical and political survival Further questions about Mr. Atof the Muslims as a nation in their home state of Bosnia-Herzegovitali's reliability were raised in Mr. Wiesel's comments published

The initiative, drawn up last weekend by the United States, Rusteur, the magazine that last week disclosed Mr. Attali's use of the sia, Britain, France and Spain, provides for defending Muslim safe areas, tightening sanctions and tak-ing steps to prevent the war from spreading through the Balkans.

Mr. Kohl said it was vital that the creation of safe areas "in no circumstances lead to the establishment of a kind of reservation for the Muslim section of the popula-

derstanding by making new dis-claimers of guilt, which Mr. Wiesel said were false, including a claim that he had informed Mr. Wiesel of The Vance-Owen plan, put forhis intentions about using the ward by the UN representative, Cyrus R. Vance, and the EC mediator, Lord Owen, provided for the creation of 10 semiautonomous Now. Mr. Wiesel said, "be should apologize publicly, not just over the telephone." provinces in Bosnia, with the borders drawn along ethnic lines.

In addition, he said, "Mr. Attali should stop sales of his book; in any case, he should remove from Serbian forces, meanwhile, paused in their shelling of Maglaj on Thursday after an 11-day as-sault on the northern Bosnian the next edition the passages that he took from us."

Mr. Attali's office in London retown, where the United Nations ferred questions to his Paris pubsays 30,000 civilians are trapped in lisher, who referred queries to his desperate need of food and medilawyer, who did not return phone calls. An aide said that Mr. Attali had started legal action for libel

Government-held parts of the capital, Sarajevo, came under spo-radic artillery and sniper fire and the Muslim-run crisis center said that 17 people had been killed and 65 wounded across the republic since Wednesday.

provides copyright protection for a work of art from the moment it is But the Beigrade-based Tanjug press agency quoted Bosnian Serbi-an sources as accusing Muslim forces of shelling their positions around the northern town of Doboj and in Serbian-held districts around Sarajevo, such as Hadzici and Ilidza,

UN officials said that security was deteriorating in central Bosnia, where there were unconfirmed reports of elashes on Thursday.

The senior European Communi-ty official in charge of foreign poli-cy, Hans van den Broek, said it was time for the 12-nation bloc to meet at summit level to discuss its stand

"I am wondering if our beads of state and government should not convene urgently and informally to see where we should stand - not to give the impression that we are satstied with the status quo," he said in an interview with a Turkish

newspaper. ■ Athens Proposes Talks

Greece on Thursday proposed direct talks with the former Yugo-slav republic of Macedonia in a bid to solve the problem of the neighboring country's name, The Associated Press Reported from Athens.

Premier Constantine Mitsotakis said that Greece had rejected a compromise name proposed by Mr. Owen and Mr. Vance in a package that included confidence-building measures between the two

"We will propose to the United Nations that efforts continue for a solution, within the UN framework, with the addition that Greece is ready at this phase to enter into direct talks with the Skopje side," Mr. Mitsotakis said after a cabinet meeting, referring to the republic's

He would not say at what level the talks would be held if the Greek proposal was accepted. The first and last time officials of the two countries met was in January 1992. then talks between Foreign Ministry officials collapsed immediately and each side accused the other of intransigence on the name issue.

Greece opposes recognition for Macedonia unless it changes its name, saying that the name is his-torically Greek and that its use implies territorial claims on the north-

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China will be pressed to open its markets to American products onder agreements signed in 1992, when it signed two major agreements promising American exporters freer access for software, movies, music recordings and other

"intellectual property." The agreements also pledged China to dismantle 90 percent of its import rules and other nontariff

Mr. Chinton will also order "rele-vant officials" to "pursue resoluteand with the Missile Technology Control Regime, which are intended to bar the spread of missiles and

China said Thursday that it was within its rights to crack down on protests in Tibet, and that this should have no effect on either its trade status or its application to be bost to the 2000 Olympic Games, Reuters reported from Beijing.

"What happened in Lhasa is an In addition, the measure calls for absolutely justified to stop lawrespect for the "distinctive religious breaking acts and maintain law and and cultural beritage" of Tibet. The order," a Foreign Ministry spokes-order makes no mention of the political future of Tibet, most of weekly briefing.

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The late Willy Brandt was a defender of Mr. Modrow's. "If I remember correctly, Gorbachev was also a Communist," Mr. Brandt said. "Modrow belped us get through the difficult transition of 1989-90 without bloodshed. Other peoples would bonor that. Why don't we?"

Hans Modrow receiving a red carnation Thursday while on his way to the court in Dresden.

Verdict That Opens the Past

Leader in German Unity Guilty of Communist Crimes

By Marc Fisher

Washington Part Service
BERLIN — The last Communist prime minister of East Germany, Hans Modrow - once hailed as the German Gorbachev — was convicted Thurs-day of rigging a 1989 election that provoked an onthreak of public protest.

The first verdict against a top East German government official by a court in the reunited Germany was a severe blow to the historical image of a man who forced his Communist Party to face reality and unite with the West after the fall of the

Now a member of the German parliament in Bonn, Mr. Modrow, 65, conceded that as Dresden regional party chief in 1989 he was politically responsible for the frand that gave 97.8 percent of votes to the Communists, even though many Dresdeners knew that they and many others had cast protest ballots against the regime.

Mr. Modrow refused to testify. He denounced

the case against him, and parliament's decision to strip him of immunity, as a political trial and an effort by western politicians to discredit all respected Eastern Germans.

Judge Rainer Lips, a Western German, gave Mr. Modrow the lightest possible punishment, a warning that carries no jail time and a fine of \$12,500 that would go to the Amnesty International rights organization and a project for Dresden's unemployed. By rejecting prosecution demands for a prison sentence, the judge and a panel of Eastern and Western jurists in Dresden allowed Mr. Modrow to retain his seat in parliament.

The judge said Mr. Modrow carried "the least parliament of the least partial engils" for the freedy adding that he are

possible guilt" for the frand, adding that he ap-proached his party leaders in Berlin on election day in May 1989 and asked them to permit "real

election results."

The Modrow trial was the first to satisfy former

East Germans who complain that prosecutors are targeting only the small violators, such as border guards. Prosecutors are considering 50,000 possi-ble cases of government criminality stemming from the 40 years of communism in East Germany.

Mr. Modrow and his supporters contended not only that remified Germany has no legal right to rule over events governed by East German law, but also that Mr. Modrow was the wrong target. "Hans Modrow's life is certainly tainted with

contradictions, as are the lives of most people," said his Party of Democratic Socialism, as the renamed former Communists are known. "But people who knew him confirm that he tried to velop East Germany in a progressive way, to

help individual people."

After the Berlin Wall opened, Mr. Modrow won widespread praise even from West German leaders who were impressed that be personally intervened to stop the secret police from using brutal force against peaceful demonstrators.

However, prosecutors produced East German documents showing that Mr. Modrow, as commander of a regional crisis team in the dramatic weeks leading up to the fall of East Germany's hard-line government, approved a secret plan to repress the protests by using military force, setting up prison camps for demonstrators and carrying out "all necessary measures" to produce "order and security."

Throughout his two and a half years in the Bonn parliament, Mr. Modrow has been a target of verbal abuse by members of Chancellor Helmit Kohl's Christian Democratic Union. .

CHINA: A Year's Tariff Extension UFFIZI:

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the banning of certain Chinese im-

ports, they said.

Mr. Clinton will formally issue his executive order on China's trade status Friday. In a show of political unity, White House officials said, be is to appear with the leader of the Senate's Democratic majority, George J. Mitchell of Maine, the sponsor of a new bill to put tough conditions on Chinese

Representative Nancy Pelosi, Democrat of California, who sponsored a similar bill, said no legislation was needed. "As long as we are unified," she said, "the Chinese will get the message.

Mr. Clinton's executive order will make next year's extension of the trade status conditional on progress in several buman rights issues: compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. the release of political prisoners prisoners. China must also permit the free flow of foreign radio and television broadcasts into China as well as free emigration.

whose people want independence Gallery Bombed from China.

Continued from Page 1 age. The news agency ANSA said it received an anonymous telephone

call from a group calling itself the "Armed Falange" taking responsibility for the blast. The same group said it had planted a similar car bomb that exploded in Rome's Parioli district earlier this month. That explosion - like Thurs-

day's — provoked speculation that the Sicilian Mafia had decided to export its tactics to the mainland. by Chinese compliance with the But the Uffizi blast also brought Nuclear Nouproliferation Treaty wornes that Italy was heading back worries that Italy was heading back toward its so-called years of lead in the late 1970s - an era filled with many bloody incidents that have yet to be fully explained.

"We wish to go forward but a hidden hand is pushing us back," Mr. Ronchey said.

Interior Minister Nicola Mancino said: "From the analysis that has been done so far, we think there has been an intensification of what we saw in Rome. Hitting Florence gives the entire world the image of Mafia terrorism attacking the

Bonn Says Police Were Too Lax in Parliament Siege

BONN — The government criti-

cized the police on Thursday for allowing thousands of protesters to besiege parliament, and said it would not tolerate another block-About 10,000 demonstrators

oured into Bonn on Wednesday and surrounded the governmen quarter as the parliament moved to ighten Germany's asylum policy. Some lawmakers scuffled with protesters as they tried to force their way past them. More than half of the deputies were forced to enter parliament by helicopter or boat across the Rhine.

The police used little force, saying they wanted to avoid an escala-

"We will not tolerate another blockade," a government spokes-man. Dieter Vogel, declared. He said the cabinet was discussing proposals that would give it a greater say in how police handle similar

WORLD BRIEFS

Neo-Nazis Defy Ban, Judges Warn

DUSSEI DORF (AFP) — Neo-Nazi groups in Germany are becoming better organized despite recent government attempts to outlaw such groups, magistrates of Germany's regional tribunals said Thursday.

The magistrates, speaking during a conference here, said their data showed an increase in the number of neo-Nazi groups nationale.

especially in Baden-Württemberg and the eastern state of Saxony. The German government outlawed three neo-Nazi groups last year, but officials believe they are still operating secretly.

Last week the head of German intelligence, Eckart Werthebad. warned of a probable increase in racist attacks on immigrants throughout the country despite a fall in the number of such incidents since late his year. Rightist attacks claimed 17 lives in Germany last year and have let

Iran Sets Conditions for U.S. Talks

TOKYO (Reuters) — Iran's vice president, Ataoliah Mohajerani, said Thursday that Tehran would be ready for direct talks with Washington if the United States ended its freeze on Iranian assets, the Kyodo near

agency reported.
"If the United States lifts its freeze on Iraman assets, conditions will be set for direct talks between the two countries," Mr. Mohajerani said in in interview with Kyodo in Tehran.

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The vice president said any improvement in bilateral relations month hinge on U.S. action, because Iran had already done "everything needed." to improve relations.

Court Rebuffs Yeltsin in Press Battle

MOSCOW (AP) — A court upheld the legislature's attempts Thursdito strip President Boris N. Yeltsin of control of most state-owned broadcast and news services, but a flaw in publication of the resolution must be corrected before the law can be implemented.

The Constitutional Court said the lawmakers acted within the law can be implemented.

when they voted in March to take control of Russian Television, Itar-Tass press agency and the Russian Information Agency.

Mr. Yeltsin placed those media under the control of a close ally,
Mikhail Poltoranin. Interpretations differed over the decision, however, and Mr. Poltoranin said he would ignore it.

Pakistan Chief Wins Confidence Vote

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) — Pakistan's newly reinstated prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, won a vote of confidence on Thursday after the opposition leader Benazir Bhutto boycotted the emergency

Diplomats said the vote had removed lingering doubts over Mr.
Sharif's parliamentary strength a day after the Supreme Court overturned his dismissal by President Ghalam Ishaq Khan.

his dismissal by President Ginniam Isnaq Khan.

Mr. Sharif won the confidence motion with 120 votes in the 217member National Assembly. The session was boycotted by Miss Bhuto's
Pakistan People's Party and by defectors from Mr. Sharif's Pakistan
Muslim League, who had formed a caretaker government after Mr. Sharif
was removed from office last month. Mr. Ishaq Khan accused Mr. Sharif of nepotism and terrorizing his opponents

Canada to Raise Bar to Immigration

TORONTO (AP) -At an unspecified date this summer, Canada will put into effect requirements to make immigration more difficult for someone with a minimal education and poor English or French.

Critics called the proposal, passed by Parliament in February but yet to be carried out, an attempt to keep poorer immigrants out. A spokesman said Wednesday that the employment and immigration minister, Bernard Valcourt, wants to encourage the immigration "of people who can contribute to our society and economic well-being."

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The ministry could still change the regulations before they go into effect this summer. Those who qualify as refugees or under family remification would not be affected.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Strike Cripples French Rail Service
PARIS (Reuters) — A 36-hour sail workers' strike forced the cancella-

tion of about three out of every four French trains on Thursday, France's state rail company, SNCF, said.

The stoppage, which began Wednesday night and is due to end at 8 A.M. Friday, was called by the three main rail unions to protest planned ansterity and job caus at the SNCF.

Members of one of the unions, the Communist-led General Labor Confederation, also stopped working in the Paris Metro and the city's regional transport network. But that strike had only limited impact,

forcing only about 20 percent of traffic to a halt. A four-how walkout by airport employees in Madrid forced three Iberia delays and cancellations. The workers plan similar short stoppages fo

Friday, Monday and June 4. Visitors to U.S. parks this sensaier will find fewer campgrounds open, shorter visitor center hours and fewer rangers on patrol. The National Park Service said the cutbacks were because of a budgetary shortfall of

Shanghal's sirport has been closed after an accident, an official of the regional civil aviation administration said Thursday. Passengers on a United Airlines flight diverted to Beijing from Shanghai said their captain was told the airport had been shut after a Chinese cargo plane

belly-landed on the only major runway.

(Reuters)

Bulgaria is considering rebuilding Sofia airport for about \$700 million, the Transportation Ministry said Wednesday. The plan is one of four options in a feasibility study by Britain's Halcrow Consulting Engineers. who have recommended a joint venture between the government and Bulgarian and foreign investors.

Joseph Pulitzer Jr., Publisher, Dies at 80

By Dennis Hevesi

New York Times Service
Joseph Pulitzer Jr., 80, chairman
of the Pulitzer Publishing Co. and
owner of one of the world's finest collections of modern art, died Wednesday of cancer in St. Louis.

Tall, elegant and reserved, Mr. Pulitzer had, for the last seven years, served primarily as chairman of Pulitzer Publishing, which owns three newspapers, seven television stations and two radio stations. He had led Pulitzer Publishing and its flagship publication, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, for 38 years, serving for 31 of those years as editor and publisher of the newspaper.

Mr. Pulitzer relinquished his positions with the paper in 1986 to devote his attention to the company, which went public that year. From 1955 to 1986, he served as chairman of the board of the Pulitzer Prizes, the highest awards in by his grandfather.

Although principally identified with journalism, Mr. Pulitzer was widely recognized for the art collection he began as a student at Harvard University, a collection that ultimately became one of the most important and generously shared in

It began simply enough in 1936 when he bought Modigliam's "Flvira Resting at a Table." Three years later, at an auction in Lucerne, Switzerland, he bought-"Bathers With a Turtle," by Matisse, for \$2,400.

During Mr. Pulitzer's tenure as editor, The Post-Dispatch won five Pulitzers, including prizes for commentary and editorial cartooning in 1987, he received a special citation for his "extraordinates".

to American journalism and it?

Pernando H. Lopez, 89, vice president of the Philippines from 1949 to '53 and 1965 to '72, died Wednesday of a heart attack. He was the scion of a landed family in the central Philippines.

Charles D. Hepler, 74, a former publisher of Reader's Digest and of New Mexico magazine, died Monday in Santa Fe, New Mexico. of John Ludiow Gould, 79, a pio-neering television and radio critic

Gould for The New York Times, died Monday from a gall bladder infection in Concord, California. Francisco Sousa Tavares, 72, former Portuguese minister and journalist, died Tuesday m Lisbon

after a long illness. He spoke out for political freedom during the Vladisair Promyslov, 85, mayor of Moscow for 23 years from 1963

Soviet Union, died Saturday. Sir Vincent Serei Eri, 57; a for-

Sir Viaceut Serei Eri, 57, a former governor-general of Papua
New Guinea, died Tuesday in
Moresby. He resigned in 1991
refusing to dismiss a corrupt
maker who had been a translate
Lord Gornley, former pure
of Britain's National Union
Mineworkers and a leading figure
in the mining strikes of the 1970s,
died Thursday. Joe Gornley was
president of the union from 1971 to
1982 and played a pivotal role in. 1982 and played a pivotal role in the disputes that led to the down-fall of Edward Heath's govern ment. He was succeeded by Arthur

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STATESIDE / FRIENDS OF Clinton's Hollywood Friends Say They're Far From Designing By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Harry Thomason says he and the wife are "inshting for the right to live in this Washington - Think there might be." Mr. Thomason replied. Some White House officials and Clinton strategies to the wife are "inshting for the right to live in this Washington - Think there might be." Mr. Thomason replied. Some White House officials and Clinton strategies to the wife are "inshting for the right to live in this Washington - Think there might be." Mr. Thomason replied. Some White House officials and Clinton strategies to the month on to past too close to Hollywood supporters as Parameters are "inshting for the right to live in this Washington - Think there might be." Mr. Thomason white hologome Hollywood supporters as Parameters are "inshting for the right to live in this Washington - Tristant and Dawn Store and Barbra Streams and White House officials said the president lake with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters story alive and preventing the White House Washington - Tristant and Dawn Store and Barbra Streams and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters story alive and preventing the White House Washington - Tristant and Dawn Store and Barbra Streams and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters story alive and preventing the White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters story alive and preventing the White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Parameters and White House officials with such longuine Hollywood supporters as Param

ingdale and others who have had bad experiences ingdale and others who have had bad experiences "being the president's best friend."

The same Hollywood team that packaged Bill Clinton as "the man from Hope," the glossy biographical film that kicked off the campaign at the Democratic convention in New York last summer, is now fighting back against accusations that they have smudged their longtime friend's populist image.

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Even though some Cimton advisers are wincing, the creators of the sitcoms "Designing Women," "Evening Shade" and "Hearts Afire" are camped out at the Capitol Hilton, waging a publicity blitz to defend themselves against criticism that they led astray the president by sending him to an expensive hairdresser, "he Belgian-born Christophe of Beverly Hills." There were also Mr. Thomason's calls to the White House on behalf of a travel consultant with whom he has a business connection and friends in the air-

House on behalf of a travel consultant with whom he has a business connection and friends in the aircharter industry who felt they were getting shut out of bidding for White House travel business.

It has been a wild, wacky, stumbling, heart-wrenching week at the White House, where Mr. Thomason has a pass that allows him to roam freely in all nooks and corners and can he reached at an office in the East

ing week at the White House, was and corners and can be reached at an office in the East Wing simply by asking for him through the White House switchboard.

Perhaps it is the inevitable code of a year in which politics became so suffused with a confessional talk-show sensibility and Hollywood production values that Washington would come to resemble a situation comedy that might be called "Designing Presidents."

Is there a series to this?" Larry King asked Harry Thomason on Tuesday night on his call-in show on CNN.

By Maureen Dowd

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Harry Thomason says he and his wife are "fighting for the right to live in this country."

Linda Bloodworth-Thomason says she now empained and others who have had bad experiences to the Thomasons decided to light back Hollywood-style, guns and folksiness blazing.

"We don't think we are important people in Washington," said Ms. Bloodworth-Thomason, "but when someone says something scurrilous about us, we can stand on our lawn for a couple of days and say, no, we didn't do that."

Mr. Thomason agreed. "This is certainly not a publicity blitz," he said. "It's a right-to-live-in-this-country blitz."

Supporters of the Thomasons say the two are also funions at being tarred with the criticism that they are the Pied Pipers who have led the president and first lady into being too cozy with Hollywood.

Mr. Clinton continues to be unconcerned with the appearance that he is too close to Hollywood, a topic debated on the ABC News program "Nightline" with David Geffen, the record company executive and producer, and Richard Dreyfuss, the actor, defending

Indeed, just before he got his light \$200 trim from Christophe on May 18—causing a furor when it was learned that planes had to circle the runway while the Beverly Hills hairmeister snipped—the president also met with some supporters from Hollywood and the Los Angeles financial and political communities.

On Haircut, President Pleads Ignorance

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton said

Thursday that he never would have had his hair cut aboard Air Force One as it sat on the tarmac io Los Angeles had he known it would delay sir travel, explaining, "That's not the kind of person I am."

Mr. Clinton took up the topic during a White House televised "town meeting" when he was asked whether the haircut and other side issues were hindering progress on the economic plan.

The president had delayed his departure from Los Angeles International Airport by about an hour to have his hair cut. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said the delay caused a shutdown of two of the four runways at the airport.

The incident jolted the populist image that helped Mr. Clinton win the election last year. But the president said he had not realized that be was delaying anyone.

"It was a mess-up," Mr. Clinton said, "Look, I wear a \$40 watch. Do I look like the kind of guy who would shut down an airport to get his hair

"People don't know, for example, on the haircut, that I asked whether anybody would be held up or inconvenienced and I was told oo," Mr. Clintoo added. "I asked twice and I was told no. I'd never do that, not in a hundred years. Not ever. I wasn't raised that way. I've never lived that way. That's not the kind of person 1 am."

Quincy Jones, the music producer, and Dawn Steel, the movie producer, both got tours of Air Force One, and White House officials said the president also met with such longtime Hollywood supporters as Patricia Duff Medavoy, the politically active wife of Michael Medavoy, the chairman of Tristar; and Bud Yorkin, the producer, and his wife, Cynthia Sykes.

"The president looks like a groupie," one top pro-ducer said. "He shouldn't always see us when we want

But Barbra Streisand rejected the notion that the halo of stars around Mr. Clinton has become a distraction, telling the Los Angeles Times in an interview published this week that celebrities have unfairly been painted as airheads.

"My favorite show is the C-Span," she said. "That's what I watch: C-Span I and C-Span 2. When I'm not watching CNN." C-Span is a cable channel devoted to congressional debates.

For her part, Ms. Bloodworth-Thomason would not

discuss any conversations she has had with the Clintons about either ber own problems or Hollywood. She did indicate, however, that she and her husband were not part of the oew Hollywood crowd clamoring

"We don't go to the Emmys, we don't go to the Academy Awards, we never eat at Spago," said Ms. Bloodworth-Thomason, an Arkansas native who named her show "Evening Shade" at Hillary Rodham Clinton's suggestion. "We're outsiders in Hollywood and we're beaten up as insiders."

The Thomasons even distanced themselves from their friends in the White House, emphasizing that they do not get their hair cut by Christophe.

The Hollywood elite who discovered Bill Clinton late in the game and who now fall all over one another trying to get invitations to the Lincoln Bedroom agree that the Thomasons were not part of their set.

"No one ever heard of them until the Bill connection," said the Hollywood producer who supported

President Details Gains, but Admits Message Is Murky The Associated Press WASHINGTON — President from some of the 200 tourists who

day for "a pretty good record" so sion oetwork.
far but told a television audience that his administration had done "a from health car lousy job" of communicating it. He

denied an infatuation with Holly-

in a two-hour "town meeting" televisioo broadcast from the White House Rose Garden, Mr. Clinton defended his accomplishments in the face of declining ratings in public opinion polls and lack of progress oo many of his

"I'll tell you what went wrong," he said. "What went wrong was I was oot able to keep the public focus on the issues that we're working on after I gave the State of the Union address, even though that's

Asked if he was infatuated with Hollywood people and lifestyles, Mr. Clintoo gave an animated de-

"Has the administration gone Hollywood?" he said "The answer to that is oo, heck oo, never, oo,

never, oever. But the president conceded, "We haven't been very smart about this oo several occasions." Mr. Clinton strolled around the

Bill Clinton took credit on Thurs- were assembled by the CBS televi-

Questions were wide ranging from health care to military cuts to why the Clintons were sending their daughter, Chelsea, to a private school. (More privacy for her, he answered.)

One member of the audience questioned Mr. Clinton's efforts to lift the ban on homosexuals in the

"I have to deal with people as people," Mr. Clinton said, defend-tog his decision. He added that the administration was "very elose to a compromise" with congressional critics on a measure to lift the ban. The president rattled off some of

his accomplishments, including congressional approval of a bu blueprint, responding to the politi-cal crisis in Russia by rallying Western support for President Bo-ris N. Yeltsin, and work on health care reform.

"I think that's a pretty good re-cord for four months," be asserted. But be added, "I think we have done a lousy job of being able to cut through the fog that always surrounds this town and communi-

Christopher Follows Up on Leadership Issue

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher tried Thursday to lay to rest an embarrassing debate over whether the United States was withdrawing from its world leadership role, insisting, "We will lead."

In a speech at the University of Minnesota, Mr. Christopher used the word "lead" or "leadership" more than 20 times in an effort to correct the impression left by one of his senior aides in a lunch with

reporters two days before.

The official, Peter Tarnoff, undersecretary of state for political affairs, spoke of setting limits on U.S. engagement in Bosnia and other world trouble spots. His remarks were embarrassing for President Bill Clinton, whose own leadership was already under fire

in many arenas.

Mr. Christopher, whose previous comments on Mr. Tarnoff's briefing had been relatively low key, called for the United States to become more engaged abroad, more ardent in its pursuit of democ-

become more engaged abroad, more arount in as present racy and more inspired in its ioternational leadership.

"We are a blessed and powerful nation," he said. "We must shoulder the responsibility of world leadership." Mr. Christopher's comments may not quiet concern among U.S. allies and in the Washington policy community about Mr. Tarnoff's words, especially since they seemed to reflect reality.

Democratic Funding: Cache as Cache Can

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the Democratic Party said Thursday that be would not halt the party's practice of arranging meetings for big contributors with Clinton administration officials. David C. Wilhelm said the practice was innocent as long as no special favors were offered.

Mr. Wilhelm, who has been traveling this week to meet with party leaders around the country, said the party's aggressive fund-raising was designed to lay the groundwork for the time when campaign finance laws limit the amount of money that can be collected from

We have to raise money to order to diversify our base over time and shift our fund-raising base." Mr. Wilhelm said. He added that party leaders see a transition period in the 18 months that they estimate it will take for new campaign fund-raising rules to take

He said new rules that the Clinton administration had proposed for campaign financing, which limit unregulated contributions from corporations and from political action committees, would probably cost the party \$13 million — or about 40 percent of its current budget. "But it's the right way to go," he said.

2 New Candidates for Supreme Court Justice

WASHINGTON - White House aides have narrowed their search for a new Supreme Court justice to two federal appellate

judges from New England, administration officials said.

The two are Judge Stephen G. Breyer of Boston, who sits on the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Jon O. Newman of Hartford, Connecticut, of the 2d U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

White House advisers say they expect President Bill Cimton to decide by next week on a replacement for Justice Byron R. White, who is to retain the condition of the control of the

who is to retire at the end of this term. They said that with his recent who is to reure at the end of this term. They said that with his recent political difficulties Mr. Clinton's overriding concern had become the selection of a person who would be able to breeze through confirmation proceedings. Both judges are well known to legal circles and highly regarded on Capitol Hill.

Officials said White House aides from the counsel's and the personnel office had narrowed the field to the two New England indges, although they might include a few other names when they present their choice to Mr. Clinton

present their choice to Mr. Clinton.

The Senate Jodiciary Committee has been pressing the White House for a decisioo so it can complete its work on the commation before September. Committee aides bave said it would take at least six weeks to conduct the routine background investigation once the nomination is announced, and the Senate will be to recess for four weeks to August and early September.

Judge Breyer, 54, and Judge Newman, 61, have remarkably similar

backgrounds and career paths. Both have had powerful liberal Democrats and liberal judges as mentors and patrons, and both are political careers to be appointed to the beuch. As judges, both have been described as skilled at forging consensus among the judges on their circuits. Both are also Jewish. Mr. Clinton has made oo secret of his desire to appoint the first Jewish justice since Abe Fortas resigned in 1969.

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Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman under George Bush, asked about Mr. Clinton's "callow" White House staff: "A few more fat, old baid men wouldn't burt the place."

Justices' Fear: Losing Their Mystique

Away From Politics

Photographs of the World Trade Center, same mosque as several of the suspects to the were found during a police raid of the apart, ment of the man charged with murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1990, New York
 Same mosque as several of the suspects to the World Trade Center bombing and was visited in jail by at least two of them.
 Officials of Teledyne Industries, reacting to

By Linda Greenhouse New York Times Service

Newsday reported. The paper said investiga-tors had found the detailed photos in the apartment of Sayyid A. Nosair's in Novem-

ber 1990. They also reportedly found evi-

dence linking him to a terrorist group. He was

acquitted of killing Rabbi Kahane but con-victed on related charges. He attended the

WASHINGTON - Of course judges are human. Of course they change their minds, say things they later regret, enter into tactical alliances, make timely compromises.

What is notable about Justice Thurgood Marshall's papers, released by the Library of Congress and spread before the public to newspaper accounts this week, is not that his Supreme Court files reveal all this, as other justices' papers have documented before. The most striking and, at least on the surface, puzzing aspect of the affair is the evident anger and anguish of the court itself over the disclo-

> The material that has come to light - the justices' memorandums and working papers, drafts of opinions, even churlish passages that were edited out of final versions - includes bittle if anything to embarrass the court. To the contrary, what comes through most clearly is the collective seriousness of purpose the justices bring to their work, in addition to an almost rinual politeness, a solicitude for one another's feelings extending even to whether anyone would object to the gift shop stocking copies of the chief justice's book about the court.

By lashing out at the library with a threat to withhold future donations of justices' papers, the court displayed once again its deep, almost obsessive concern for secrecy. It is a concern driven in part by the natural desire of many organizations to shield their internal workings from public view, whether the subject is the pay if top executives, the decisions of an academic tenure committee, or editing in a newsroom.

But there is something else at work: a belief among judges that to strip any court of its mystique is also inevitably to strip it of some of its authority and legitimacy.

"The court's afraid of being demystified," Dennis J. Hutchinson, a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, said Wednesday. The myth of reasoned detachment is one the court clings to feroclously. They're afraid it's the myth or nothing, that they'll be seen as

either apostles of principled deliberation or

AT LIBERTY IN NEW YORK — Sailors from the Russian guided-missile destroyer Bezuderzhny bargaining with a bookseller on Fifth Avenue. Their ship was in New York Harbor for Fleet Week and to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Officials of Teledyne Industries, reacting to

an indictment of the company on charges of

illegally exporting metallic material used to

make cluster bombs for Iraq, said the U.S.

government knew where the material was

· A Houston businessman was awarded al-

most \$10 million after a long battle with the

going before the company did,

The court has spoken recently and powerfully of the need to safeguard its claim to public acceptance of its awesome constitutional power to thwart the will of democratically elected legislatures. This theme was central to the court'a decision last June to reaffirm the consti-

tntional right to abortion.

The opinion written jointly by Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy and David H. Souter, noting that the court could

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not buy or coerce obedience, said that the court's power lay "in its legitimacy, a product of substance and perception that shows itself in the people's acceptance of the judiciary as fit to determine what the nation's law means and to

declare what it demands."

The opinion added: "The court must take care to speak and act in ways that allow people to accept its decisions on the terms the court claims for them, as grounded truly in principle, not as compromises with social and political pressures having, as such, no bearing on the principled choices that the court is obliged to

The sense that the court is and must be seen as greater than the sum of its parts, as something other than a collection of individuals who once had the political connections necessary to get powerful jobs, pervades the court's institu-

For example, the court makes available transcripts of its oral arguments, but the justices asking the questions are not identified by name. The inherent fiction is that the questions are from "the court," not from individual mem-

And it is part of the same perspective that justices are to be seen as sure-footed rather than hesitant and uncertain, as early drafts of opinions can show them to be. "I'm not sure you want the world to see your evolving thoughts evolve," said Stephen J. Wermiel, a professor at Brennan Jr.

U.S. government over ownership of four paintings by Adolf Hitler and a collection of German photographs, his lawyer said. A fed-eral indge has ordered that Billy Price be paid

for items that the U.S. Army found and sent

to Washington after World War II, the law-

yer said. Mr. Price acquired rights to them

· Americans gave away 2.01 percent of their

personal incomes last year, the most since 1971, according to a survey. AP. Reuters

from a German family in the 1980s.

You want the freedom to engage in your own written dialogue without necessarily knowing how it's going to come out," Mr. Wermiel said.

Particularly painful to the court is that Jus-tice Marshall's files, made public at his death and barely 18 months after he left the court, include not just his own work but the work-inprogress of every other justice with whom he served. Supreme Court justices and other appellate judges do not work alone. Every majority opinion reflects at least some measure of collective effort, so any justice's files are a window on the court as a whole.

"You need that free give and take on a collegial court," Chief Judge Abner J. Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said. "Collegiality and civility are already tested, and they will be tested even more if you couldn't retreat from a first

Judge Mikva, a former Supreme Court law clerk himself, is trying to persuade other judges to preserve their records so that the material can eventually become available to the public. "Historically, it's nice to know that judges have tempers and human frailties, but it doesn't help the civility of the institution to have it come out contemporaneously," he said. "That's really the issue here. This flap could really harden in cement the mindset that says that everything should be confidential forever, and that's terri-

A populist who served four terms to the House of Representatives as a Chicago Democrat, Judge Mikva said he had only gradually. and somewhat to his surprise, come to appreciate the role of the judicial mystique since he became a federal judge in 1979.

"It took me a long time to get used to the robes," he said. "The high bench, the black robe, the 'oyez, oyez,' are all part of trying to Wizard of Oz-ize us. But what's the power of a judge? It's partly mystical after all. Reluctantly, I've come to the conclusion that the law is oot

Marshall Documents Stay Public

WASHINGTON - The papers of Thurgood Marshall, the former Supreme Court jus-tice, will remain open to the public, according to the librarian of Congress.

James H. Billington said Wednesday that the library had carried out Justice Marshall's "exact intentions" and that to impose restrictions on access to the collection of t73,000 items would he "a breach of contract and a violation of the trust placed in the

"The library must bonor the expressed wishes of one of our great jurists," Mr. Billington

Post began publishing a series of articles about them. They included a look at how the court came elose to overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade abortion decision in 1989 and how it decided important race and rights cases in recent years. Also described was Justice Marshall's novielding advocacy of civil rights, privacy rights and criminal justice.

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Mr. Billington acted in the face of pressure from the Su-

preme Court and the Marshall family to reconsider the hbrary's decision to open the papers after his death in Janu-The dispute over the papers started after The Washington

A Life Term, but Few Answers

Was Sailor Fatally Beaten Because He Was Homosexual?

By T. R. Reid

ed States Navy court-martial sen- homosexual." tenced 21-year-old sailor to life imprisoomeot Thursday for the murder of a homosexual shipmate in October. The eight officers on the jury

mum punishment for the crime of murder with intent to inflict great bodily harm. But the court-martial - actually a sentencing hearing, since the de-fendant had pleaded guilty — left

many questions unanswered, including the one that became the central political issue of the trial: Was Seaman Allen R. Schindler, 22, killed because he was homosex-The case became public at a time

of vigorous debate over homosexuals in the military, and advocates on both sides of that issue invoked the trial to support their positions. But it was not firmly established in the trial whether Mr. Helvey had known that his victim was a homosexual on the night he beat and stomped him to death.

Navy investigators testified that days after the murder, said he was "disgusted by homosexuals" and would do the same thing again.

But there also was testimony that investigators may have suggested this motive. He has since pleaded guilty to two charges of lying to the investigators when he claimed that Mr. Schindler had made a homo-

"The accused talked about thought it was in his interest," the chief prosecutor, Captain Stephen Marchioro of the Marines, told the deliberated for three hours before jury on Thursday. "Later, be degiving the sailor, Airman Apprenice Terry M. Helvey, the maxition was to his interest."

Captain Marchioro cited past instances when the tall, muscular defendant had fights with smaller sailors. He described him as a "bigoted and intolerant" bully who was motivated by a "general hostility" rather than a specifie animus against any one group. The defense attorney, Major Bernard Doyle of the air force, told

the jury that the murder was a "crime of rage," triggered by Mr. Helvey's long history of abuse as a child and by heavy drinking on the night of the crime. Allen Schindler and Terry Helvey were shipmates on the amphib-

pan, where the beating took place in a public rest room. The navy initially provided minimal information about the case. A Mr. Helvey, to an interview two sailor who was present at the time of the crime, Airman Charles E. Vins, entered into a plea bargain and was sentenced to four months in jail for his part to the crime, but the navy did not announce his

court-martial until it was over. After the verdict on Thursday, the navy released its longest description yet of the case. The document asserts that the navy handled

In an unsworn statement to the the case correctly. It also denies jury this week, Mr. Helvey said, "I accusations that navy officials tol-did not attack him because be was erated an anti-homosexual atmosphere on the Belleau Wood.

But for Mr. Schindler, there was Schindler's homosexuality when he discrimination and harassment, his mother, Dorothy Hajdys, has said. He called the ship the "Helleau Wood" and was counting the days until he could leave it. Other sailors have said the 950-member crew included a rough bunch of people with an open hostility toward homosexuals. Mr. Schindler's letters show a

deeply unhappy man who was fear-ful of shipmates and superiors. However, his attitude apparently changed for the better last fall after be told his commanding officer that he was homosexual and then awaited the obligatory discharge from the navy.



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African Meeting of the Minds

U.S. Blacks, in Gabon, Forge Business Links

By Kenneth B. Noble New York Times Service

LIBREVILLE, Gabon - "Africa is open for business," Mohammed Fall Ainina, the Mauritanian ambassador to the United States, told a group of black Americans meeting here, "and the first people we're going to seek business from are you."

Mr. Ainina's remarks summed up an important goal of the second African/African-American Summit: to encourage business between blacks on both continents. And increasingly, sponsors of the conference say, black Americans are beginning to compete with businesses from the former colonial powers of Europe.

To drive that point home, Mr. Ainina announced that Mauritania, a former French colony in West Africa, had granted an offshore fishing license to a group headed by Mervyn M. Dymally, a former Democratic congressman from California, the first such contract granted to a black

The four-day conference earlier this week, with nearly 1,000 Americans and about 3,500 Africans, was said to be the largest of its kind ever. Among Americans attending were the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson; Andrew Young the former UN ambassador; Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King; the Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan; Governor Douglas Wilder of Virginia, and the

actress Cicely Tyson.

The first such meeting, sponsored by the Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, head of the International Foundation for Educational Self-Help in Phoenix, was held two years ago in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Mr. Sullivan is best known for having devised a code of conduct in 1977 for American corporations doing business in South Africa. He was also in the

But although many Americans who attended the Abidian meeting said it helped them connect emotionally with their ancestral homeland, many Africans at that meeting complained that it accomplished little of substance.

"Many of us who attended the Abidjan conference expected to come away with some solid financial commitments," said a Nigerian businessman, "but all they got was a lot of rhetoric from black preachers about returning to their roots. It was nice to hear, but it didn't put any money in our

Many here hope the Libreville meeting will go beyond fiery Afrocentric language, a point made in a speech by Mr. Jackson, who said African nations too often ignore black Americans when offering business opportunities

We have to move to a level beyond romance, to finance, beyond causes, to contracts," he said. Mr. Jackson noted that African nations often depend upon the 40-member Congressional Black

Caucus to lobby for aid from the United States. One of the best-attended meetings featured Mr. Farrakhan. Citing the example of Israel, he said black Americans should also be able to form a country of their own on the African continent, and said he planned to ask African leaders to "carve out a territory for all people in the diaspora."
He said black Americans should also be granted

dual citizenship by all African countries.
"We want dual citizenship," he said, "and because we don't know where we came from, we want dual citizenship everywhere."
Although Mr. Sullivan's concept has, by and

large, run smoothly, it is not without critics. One question is why, as more African countries become multiparty democracies, the conference is being held in Gabon, which has been under the

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Doubting Defector, U.S. Hid Story of More POWs

By Thomas W. Lippman

Washington Part Service
WASHINGTON — A North Vietnamese defector told American officials at the height of the Vietnam War that his country held nearly 500 more prisoners of war than it acknowledged, but U.S. officials doubted his story and decided not to reveal the numbers, more," Mr. Kerry said. "Nobody is going to according to declassified intelligence reports and State Department cables.

The documents were distributed by Senator John F. Kerry, Democrat of Massachu-setts, who is taking them to Hanoi this week-President Bill Clinton should lift the U.S. setts, who is taking them to Hanoi this week-end for what he described as a put-up-orshut-up session with the Vietnamese over the slow pace at which they are providing infor- of Vietnam's cooperation to the White mation about missing U.S. servicemen. Hanoi must be made to understand, he whether to approve a loan package for Viet-

said, that documents raising questions about nam from the International Monetary Fund.
Vietnam's truthfulness will continue to surface as the declassification process continues full cooperation with U.S. officials and Pres-

States to lift its trade embargo is to fulfill speedily its promises of full disclosure, Mr.

Kerry said.
"This is not a bargaining process anystand for a piecemeal process anymore."

Mr. Kerry, a Vietnam veteran, said his

only interest was the quest for information embargo on trade with Vietnam. But Mr. Kerry also said he would give an assessment House, which must decide by mid-June

in," Mr. Kerry said.

He added that Vietnam was known to have film archives and documents it had not

yet produced. want those documents," Mr. Kerry

Among the declassified U.S. documents Mr. Kerry released was a 1971 memo from Richard Helms, then CIA director, to Henry A. Kissinger, then national security adviser to President Richard Nixon. It said the Saigon government and the U.S. Embassy were going to "surface to the press" a man named Dang Tan, a North Vietnamese Army doctor who defected to the South in 1969. This memo described him as "knowledgeable"

about U.S. prisoners. Dr. Tan held a news conference in Saigon

Hear re in Washington and Moscow. The best way ident George Bush hailed a "breakthrough" on May 11, 1971. On orders from U.S. officer Hanoi to defend itself against accusations of treachery and persuade the United been a steady stream of documents coming the bean a steady stream of documents coming 800 U.S. prisoners at the time of his defer tion in 1967. The officials apparently femal that these numbers, which they regarded a incorrect, would undermine Dr. Tan's credit bility on other points. But one news agency broke an embargo and printed the figure based on an advance copy.

Dr. Tan reportedly claimed that as many

as 500 of the 800 had "disappeared" and that some had been transported to the Sovie Union and China.

When (amilies of missing men asked about Dr. Tan's claims, a State Department offcial, Frank A. Sieverts, cabled the Saigon embassy that the United States had no in dependent confirmation" of Dr. Ten's claims and that Dr. Tan admitted "much of his 'information' is hearsay."

Khmer Rouge Suspected in Attack on Cambodian Vote Unit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dapascher during the first five days of voting ing in dozens but in hundreds," UN mission spokesman, Eric Falt, UN electoral official, Dermot PHNOM PENH — Shots in Cambodian national elections, Vladimir Yulin, the UN director said. The balloting ends Friday. Wheelan.

The attack was the first known to have halted one of the mobile voting teams, which were pushing toward the margins of Khmer Rouge territory so Cambodians in insecure areas could vote in the UNorganized election.

after UN election officials and peacekeeping soldiers decided that the situation there was calm despite serious Khmer Rouge attacks in the struation there was calm despite serious Khmer Rouge attacks. Four Bulgarian peacekeepers were killed in those attacks, and a Filipino policeman died of a heart attack during one

PHNOM PENH — Shots in Cambodian national elections, thought to come from Khmer took mobile polling stations Thurs-Rouge guerrillas wounded a United day to rural areas that had earlier ed Nations peacekeeper and three been deemed too violent to partici-

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The gunmen, who used small' arms and rocket launchers, were driven off by Phnom Penh governsoldiers from their zones of control ment forces, the UN said. It was

deep in the Siem Reap countryside.

Mr. Wheelan said the mobile teams would continue working "but we can't take any extraordinary chances." (AP, Reserve

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A 'Heavyweight' Chancellor Economists in U.K. Praise Choice of Clarke

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Kenneth Clarke's appointment as chancellor of the Exchequer won quick praise on Thursday from economists.

For the first time in some time we have a heavyweight chancellor," said James Barty, an economist with Morgan Grenfell.

Long seen as one of the cabinet's most ardent pro-Europeans, he extricated himself from a potentially sticky spot earlier this month by insisting that Britain would not re-enter the exchange-rate mechanism during the life of this Parliament. That bow to popular sentiment in general and to the Conservative Party's right wing in particular may have removed the last major obstacle to his ascension.

In the last five years, Mr. Clarke has won praise, beginning as health secretary, then moving to the Education and Science Department before being named home secretary after the general election in

April last year.

"He has done a good job sorting out the departments he has headed," said Paul Neild, an economist at NatWest Capital Markets. "He has brought in more efficiency and has kept their budgets under control, exactly the sorts of skills he will need as chancellor."

Many believe that Mr. Clarke's present attributes

Many believe that Mr. Clarke's greatest attributes may be his pugnacity and his reputation as a good communicator. "He is a man who is pretty ignorant of economics but he is a good street fighter," said Patrick Minford on accommunicator. Minford, an economics professor at the University of Liverpool and one of the Treasury's new panel of outside advisers.

With a government deficit of £50 billion (\$77.5 billion) looming as his greatest challenge, Mr. Clarke is expected to take an uncompromising line on the budget. In his November budget statement he will almost surely have to seek spending cuts and tax increases.

In his previous posts, Mr. Clarke has not shied from confrontation. He challenged the power of some of Britain's strongest lobbles.

"He has faced down the teachers, the British Medical Association and at the Home Office he took on the only lobby stronger than the BMA, the police," said

Mr. Barty of Morgan Grenfell.

By naming Mr. Clarke as his chancellor, the prime minister has taken a calculated risk. Of all the candidates for the job, the home secretary was seen as the one most likely to stand as a rival for power to Mr. Major himself

For a Treasury that in recent months has been accused of being weak and rudderless. Mr. Clarke's presence will mark a welcome shift, but a politically

ngerous one nonetheless for the prime minister.

"I'd imagine Clarke will want to exercise all the power he can lay his hands on," said Mr. Minford. "It is in the nature of the man." While most observers expect a new, more confident

and assertive leadership style at the Treasury, few see much room for changes in policy. Unemployment is falling, inflation is at a 30-year-low and Britain will almost surely post the strongest growth of any European nation this year.

"It is a great starting point for any chancellor," said Nigel Richardson, an economist with Yamaichi Inter-national. "It is difficult to get it wrong." With the economy looking up, many observers described as "ironic" the timing of Norman Lamont's

exit as chancellor.

"There does seem to be a curious set of circumstances driving him out at what should be his moment

of glory," said one economist.
"It fidn't really matter who replaced Mr. Lamont," said David Kern, chief economist at the National Westminster Bank. "The key thing is that the replacement starts with a clean state and a relatively high degree of credibility."

Egypt Court Condemns 6

Militants By Chris Hedges

New York Times Service CAIRO — An Egyptian military court sentenced six Muslim mili-tants to death and two others to life imprisonment Thursday for attacks on foreign tourists and for trying to assassinate Information Minister

Mohammed Safwat Sherif. . The sentencing, bringing the number of death sentences meted ont to militants to 23 in the last six months, follows the militant's deadliest bombing spree in more than a year of clashes, an explosion outside a police station in central Cairo last Friday that killed six

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people. And hours before the verdict was delivered, five people were
wounded, some seriously, in an explosion at a police checkpoint.

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But Amnesty International, in a report this week, questioned the fairness of the military courts and the Major sever untent. John

fairness of the military courts and blamed the government for a dramatic rise in human-rights abuses.

The militants, fighting to estab-lish an Islamic state, have carried ont numerous attacks against government officials, police, Coptic Christians and foreign tourists.

There was generally strong approval in Tory ranks for the appointment of Mr. Clarke, who is Christians and foreign tourists. More than 150 people have died in the violence, including three for-

cigners, in the past year.
The attacks have gutted the tourism industry, which once brought in more than \$2 billion a year. Militant leaders said they planned to start targeting both foreign workers and foreign businesses based in

Egypt.

Of the six condemned to be hanged, one was sentenced in ab-sentia and is believed to be hiding in Afghanistan. Two militants were given life sentences with hard labor and one was sentenced to hard labor for 10 years. Two others were

Charges against three more were dropped after security forces could only provide the court with their

CABINET: Lamont Is Replaced

ery.

The reshuffle was aimed at assuaging critics who said Mr. Major had to shake up his foundaring goveriment in the hopes of restoring

Not only have public opinion polls shown Mr. Major with the lowest approval of any prime minister in recent memory, but also, earlier this month, the voters dealt the government a sharp setback in local elections, where the Tories lost control of 15 of 16 local comcils in which they had held the

ty, said what Britain needed was "a change of policy, not personnel,"

HONG KONG - Britain and China said Thursday that they would hold new talks June 4 on financing Hong Kong's airport project, which has become snarled in a dispute over the colony's dem-

The project, estimated to cost about \$22.5 billion, has become a major friction point in Chinese-British relations. Beijing has reject-ed financing plans for the airport, saying they will leave Hong Kong with a mountain of debt after it

who might be more willing than Mr. Lamont had been to make further cuts in interest rates, in the hopes of speeding economic recov-

confidence in his leadership.

They also lost a seat in Parlia-ment, in a special election to fill a vacancy resulting from the death of

the Major government. John Smith, the leader of the Labor Par-

Britain-China Talks Set On Hong Kong Airport

ocratic future.

returns to China in 1997.

widely regarded as one of the Con-servative Party's shrewdest politi-cians. But British newspapers

warned that his more liberal views on Europe may mean trouble for the prime minister among a small but noisy group of right-wing Tory skeptics, who are opposed to closer ties to Enrope.

Analysts argued that Mr. Major's appointment of Mr. Howard home secretary represented an effort to assuage the party's right wing, which regards Mr. Howard highly. Downing Street's announcement

ended several days of speculation and rumor that the prime minister was about to shake up his government, although when the news fi-nally broke Thursday morning, it came from an unlikely source. Mr. Lamont's mother, Irene, told a local reporter from Grimsby, her hometown in northeastern Eng-



Oueen Elizabeth Receives Irish President

Queen Elizabeth II, right, receiving President Mary Robinson of Ireland at Buckingham Palace on Thursday. It was the first meeting between the British and Irish heads of state in 71 years. The palace said President Robinson described the meeting as "very friendly." She had said earlier that she intended to discuss with the queen initiatives at ending the bloodshed in Northern Ireland.

House Budget Vote Goes to Heart of Clinton Presidency

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herold Tribune

WASHINGTON - In a day of deal-making arm-twisting and raw political rhetoric, the House of Representatives moved Thursday toward a final vote on a five-year budget plan that could make or break Bill Clinton's presidency.

Mr. Clinton, in an after-hours compromise with rebellious conservatives in his own Democratic Party, agreed first to get tougher than he had wanted in trimming U.S. spending on growing social and health benefits known as entitle-

He has also reportedly agreed to offer more exemptions to his proposed energy tax so that Democratic lawmakers from states with ener-

ic lawmakers from states with energy-related industries would vote for the budget.

The budget package is the heart of Mr. Clinton's two-pronged drive tn drastically cut the annual U.S. budget deficit while redirecting government spending toward lunger-term investments in education, job-training, transportation, re-search and programs for children. After the new spending, net deficit

The U.S. financial markets, having pushed long-term interest rates down and bond prices up in anticipation of serious deficit reduction. waited nervously for the House vote. Analysts expected a broad retrenchment if the budget bill was defeated, and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen reportedly told wavering legislators that interest rates would shoot up if it failed.

Not one of the 176 Republicans in the House was expected to vote for the plan late Thursday, Republicans have criticized the plan as tax-heavy because it envisions as much, if not more, new taxation -

5250 billion — as spending cuts.

Democratic leaders and Mr. Clinton's White House team had to work feverishly throughout the day to amass a simple majority from among the 256 Democrats in the House. The president was reportedly lobbying nonstop by tele-

Democratic leaders expressed increasing confidence as the day wore on that they would win pas-sage. They prevailed in a test vote on limiting debate, 236 to 194. Many Democrats feared that to

declare that their party was incapa- ergy tax,

ble of governing, but many also feared that to vote "yes" would invite a tax revolt.

The president's budget director, Leon E. Panetta, got to the heart of the matter when he said early Thursday: "There are a lot of members with their fannies on the griddle if we do nothing."

The conventional political wisdom in Washington held that unless Mr. Clinton could push through Congress the heart of his plan to shore up the American economy and create jobs, his presidency would be doomed. The House vote, moreover, is seen as only a prelude to what is viewed as an even more difficult vote when the Senate takes up the budget bill.

Party discipline in the Senate, where Democrats have 57 percent of the vote, is weaker than in the House, Mr. Clinton's proposed \$72 billion energy tax, which imposes a levy on the heat content of fuels, is under serious threat in the Senate.

It took until the early morning hours of Thursday for House Democratic leaders to fashion the compromise on entitlements. Under the deal, if automatic benefits for such programs as Social Security retirement benefits, Medicare and Medicaid cause spending to surpass projections already made by feder-al auditors, the White House and Congress would be legally required to act on the imbalance.

Conservative Democrats had wanted a firm cap on growth in entitlements, which now account for 40 percent of the U.S. budget outside of military spending and interest on the debt. Mr. Clinton, who already had trimmed some So-cial Security spending in his origi-nal budget, had resisted further

The deal on energy tax could be even more politically important. According to some accounts, the White House agreed to exempt from the tax exports of products, such as chemicals, that require significant amounts of fuel to pro-

The budget bill, if passed and signed, would represent a sea change in U.S. domestic policy. It contains the largest tax increase in U.S. history, including higher income taxes on the wealthy, a slightly higher corporate income tax, higher taxes on many wealthier Sovote "no" on the budget was to cial Security recipients and the en-

be has become expert at exploiting the weaknesses of a system that guarantees individual expression and yet manages so successfully to discourage it.

Lawsuits are relatively rare in Japan, but Mr. lenaga was quick to realize that rarity makes them all the more conspicuous. So whenever he emerged from the courthouse, fresh from his latest defeat, reporters always surrounded him and splashed his latest examples of

the term "war of aggression" and its insistence that references to rea be changed to difficulties in obtaining "the Korean people's cooperation."

what he could do for the country," she said.

Although Mr. lenaga may have lost in the Superme Country.

Indeed, rather than bury Mr. Ienaga's favorite examples, the court cases just kept them alive. "I think I have been motivated

a teacher in Niigata. "Although I criticism from its own people," Mr. lenaga said. "So no matter what you do in Japan itself, nothing be said that my battle is one of resistance that came later."

A specialist in Japanese Bud-dhist thought, legal history and the intellectual movements of the Meiji feel it."

- when Japan's transformation into a modern state began in the latter half of the 19th century -Mr. lenaga says he had no inter-est in spending three decades challenging the government. Had be chosen an easier path, few col-leagues doubt be would have been showered with national awards.

Richard Minear, an American professor who is translating Mr. lenaga's autobiography, said: "It is ironic, because without question be is among the top dozen Japanese historians in this century." Education Minister Mayumi

whitewashing on the front page. Moriyama wrinkled her nose re-There was the ministry's ban on cently when Mr. Ienaga's name came up. "I don't think that he has thought of Japan as a whole, or

spired the foreign protests that led the Education Ministry to make

"Unfortunately, the Japanese by guilt, nothing else," be said.

During the war, when his health kept him out of the military, be was a teacher in Niigata. "Although I criticism from its own people," Mr. changes. Once the protests come from abroad, the government just throws up its hands and says, We will change!' Of course, they don't

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Forward in Cambodia

Millions of Cambodians, defying threats of Khmer Rouge intimidation, are turning out in elections that advance the United Nations' bold effort to re-create the plnralist society wiped out by war and terror during the past 20-odd years. The voting. which ends this Friday, leaves immense problems untreated, but nonetheless amounts to a stunning spectacle of democratic revival in a place that most of the world had left for dead.

Just why the genocidal Khmer Rouge mostly held their fire this time — some even voted - is uncertain. Perhaps the faction simply saw no payoff in thwarting the popular will. Perhaps its business and military patrons in Thailand advised it to be discreet while the world was watching. The Khmer Rouge may be looking to an eventual victory by the royalist opposition, which promises to turn to Prince Norodom Sihancuk, the national father figure who has been promising to bring them into a government of national reconciliation. The other leading contender the currently governing (Communist) party led by Hun Sen, owes its power to Vietnam and would, if it won the election, likely confront the Khmer Rouge head-on.

In Cambodia, the United Nations was asked to achieve extremely ambitious results, but it was not given the force or mandate to compel compliance by either

the Khmer Rouge or, a lesser but still a troublesome offender, Hun Sen. It has fallen short in arranging demobilization and rehabilitation and in staving off Thai and Vietnamese infringements of local sovereignty. In the face of these frustrations, the United Nations might have suspended its mission. Instead it rightly ebose to push ahead as best it could. This makes it all the more important for the newly elected government to bave the broad base that the big popular turnout now ensures.

Not even the most cheerful electoral result, however, can relieve the United Nations of its duty to stay engaged in Cambodia when its mandate runs out in August. It must be ready to deal with a royalist victory that elevates a faction which is popular but vulnerable to both the Khmer Rouge and Hun Sen, and also with a Hun Sen victory that empowers a party which is of improbable democratie commitment but is also the one other structured force that could confront the Khmer Rouge.

The United Nations must be able to convince would-be aid donors, public and private, that the election makes it safe and urgent to release funds. These are ways for the world body to see to Cambodia's transition from a killing field to a civil society building a new life for a torn nation. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Backward in Guatemala

It's the latest fashion in Latin American authoritarianism, and it seems to be catching. Following the path marked out by President Alberto Fujimori of Peru 13 months ago. President Jorge Serrano of Guatemala enlisted the army on Tuesday to help him abolish Congress, the courts and the constitution. His purpose was to stifle criticism of his economic austerity policies. Unless the Western Hemisphere's democratic governments respond more effectively this time than they have in the past, Latin America's recent political

gains could begin slipping away. Guatemala's democracy, like Peru's, was badly flawed. In both countries a white clite dominates an Indian and mixed-race majority, powerful armies trample human rights and resist civilian control, and corruptible courts mock the idea of impartial justice. But in Guatemala as in Peru, yet another armybacked coup, combined with a clampdown on the press and other independent voices, makes a bad situation even worse. In Penu, escalating Shining Path terrorism and a badly discredited congressional opposition at least gave Mr. Fujimori a plausible pretext for betraying democracy. In Guatemala, Mr.

The Clinton administration, which quickly condemned the coup, should now move to halt Guatemala's \$60 million in U.S. aid. Meanwhile, the Organization of American States is preparing for an emer-gency meeting. But that probably will not be enough to turn the tide. Similar moves after the Peruvian coup brought only a small concession, the election of a new constituent assembly. Mr. Serrano has al-

ready promised to take that step on his own. The failure of Western Hemisphere governments to restore democracy in Peru, and their even more glaring failure in Haiti, bave encouraged authoritarians elsewhere. Guatemala's do-it-yourself coup is one obvious result. Military rumblings in oil-rich Venezuela, and now in Brazil, Latin America's largest and economically most important democracy, are further ominous signs.

Two years ago, at the high-water mark of Latin democratization, member countries of the Organization of American States pledged to take active steps to protect their proud democratic achievements. Without resolute and aggressive steps against Mr. Serrano's seizure of power, that pledge will be proved meaningless.

ing death. He will serve no time in prison.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Too Foolish for Arms

Some years ago, a boy who today would be in his mid-30s was delivering The Washington Post to bomes in the Virginia suburbs. In a bedroom inside one bouse on the boy's route, an 18-year-old college student beard a noise outside and thought it might be someone tampering with his car. He fired a 16-gauge shotgun in the direction ofa form moving through the early morning darkness. Todd McKinney, 13, an bonor student and by all reports a very good kid, was hit by 210 pellets and bled to death in a neighboring yard. The young man who fired the gun eventually served 78 days in prison for involuntary manslaughter.

Last Halloween, a 16-year-old Japanes exchange student named Yoshihiro Hattori approached a house in a suburb near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, thinking it was the site of a party he was looking for. The bomeowner confronted him and shouted "Freeze!" When the boy failed to stop (he apparently did not understand what the command meant), the man shot him to death with a .44-caliber Magnum, an awful weapon. This week Rodney Peairs, charged with manslaughter, was acquitted in the shoot-

The Peairs verdict brought forth a torrent of criticism in Japan of many things American, from the system of justice to segregated housing patterns and indeed the very culture. Much of it was angry, hyperbolic, quotable and wrong, but the death of Yoshihiro Hattori did remind the world yet again of an American embarrassment once described in a Washington Post editorial entitled "Shooting on Sight": "No legislation would have saved the life of young Todd McKinney on Monday. No one has proposed (although you would hardly believe it to hear the outcries of the National Rifle Association) that responsible citizens be forbidden to possess shotguns. No law can wholly curb carelessness and folly. But the country can begin to impose reason on recklessness, can begin to treat guns not as play toys or as sensible devices for dealing with every unexplained shadow or rustle in the darkness but as

deadly, dangerous weapons."

Can it, though? Twenty-three years and many thousands of senseless deaths later, you have to wonder.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

After Cambodia's Election

Twenty parties are contesting the polls. but apart from Prime Minister Hun Sen's CPP, only the Funcipec party of Prince Norodom Ranariddh has any chance of either winning outright or being the dominant partner of a coalition. The Khmer Rouge declined to field any candidates.

If the CPP wins outright, the Khmer Rouge will come out shooting. But without the support this time of China and Thailand, Pol Pot's guerrillas will not easily sustain a major offensive. If Funcipec wins outright, the CPP may try to sabotage the new government but will not make common cause with the Khmer Rouge. The outcome most likely to minimize postelection vio-lence would be a Funcipec-led "grand" coalition with Prince Ranariddh as prime minister and Hun Sen as his deputy.

No maner who wins, the presidency will be offered to Prince Ranariddh's father, Prince Sihanouk, former king and head of state. Whether the universally revered but ailing and unpredictable father figure will accept is another matter. The 120-member elected body will be a constituent assembly; that is, while exercising legislative functions it will draft a constitution and decide how the president is chosen. Most likely this will

be by vote of parliament, but a national election is a possibility. If Prince Ranariddh heads the government, his father may persuade him to seek a formula for drawing the Khmer Rouge into a government of national reconciliation. But this could cause Hun Sen to withdraw.

- Asiaweek (Hong Kong).

The Danish Loopholes

The recent Danish "yes" vote for the Maastricht treaty was achieved only by granting the Danes major exemptions, including on such crucial issues as monetary union and common security policy. During the referendum campaign, the conservative opposition refrained from attacking the government in a joint effort to push Maastricht through, but now that that has been accomplished the conservatives have deelared all-out war on the government, and have openly stated their intention of doing away with the special concessions for Denmark. Apparently they still have not realized that those concessions were the only way to get a "yes" vote, thereby demon-strating how little they understand the voters, and how little chance they have of

returning to power any time soon. - Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

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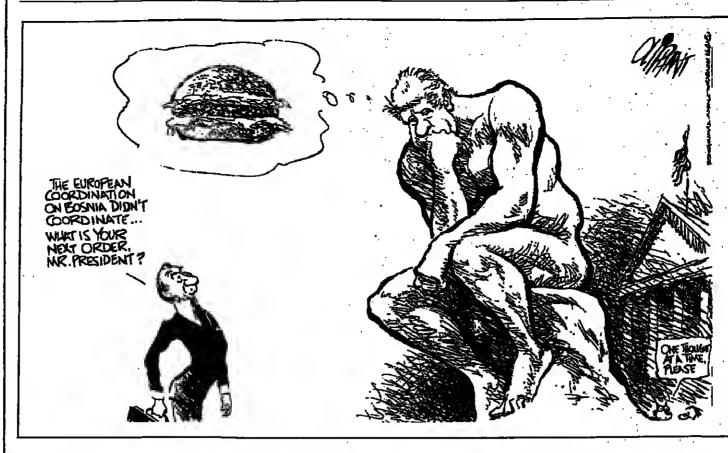
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America and Partners Need Clinton's Fiscal Plan

N EW HAVEN, Connecticut — Members of Congress repeated by express horror at the persistence of budget deficits through good times and bad. The hour has come for deem a pot their money where their mouth is. Failure to pass President Bill Clinton's five-year fiscal plan essentially

intact would be a great mistake. It would send a message at home and abroad that federal fiscal policy remains out of control and that there is no concerted will to do what all sides agree must be done.

The country waited a long time for a president to take the lead in deficit reduction. Finally it has one. If Mr. Clinton, whose party enjoys a majority in both houses of Congress, cannot make a plan stick, we will wait a still longer time for another president with the courage to try.

Deficit reduction will never happen if individual members make support contingent on exceptions favoring their parochial interests, or pretend that it is easy to find large budget cuts painful to nobody but other politicians and bureaucrats, or act as if Americans can indefinitely enjoy needed public services without taxes to pay for them.

We, as economists, are acutely aware that the weak and uncertain recovery — which this president inherited along with deficit budgets — is not the best environment for the contractionary impulses that will inevitably come from spending cuts and tax increases. That is why we favored an initial stimulus - twice as large as the one President Clinton put forward - to assure a robust recovery, giving the economy strength to absorb the needed fiscal surgery.

The Senate Republicans' successful filibuster

against the president's modest jobs bill did the nation a great disservice. The abandonment of the investment tax credit in House committee was

BERLIN — Whether or not to appease recalcitrants in the in-

ternational arena is a tricky question

for democracies. Rules are not easy

to come by. The appeasement of

Hitler at Munich is widely seen as a

grievous error. Sanctions against the Ian Smith rebels in Rhodesia unde-

niably belped to bring about Zimba-

bwe. But did sanctions change Cuba

Indecision can be the worst of all

worlds. Bosnia burns more fiercely

as indecision plagues the chanceller-

The bigness of the bandit can in-

fluence things markedly. Democra-cies find it more convenient to clob-

ber tin-pot dictatorships because the

price, in terms of lost trade and diplo-

There is no question: The current

Chinese power structure is one of the

more repressive in the world in this

century. The most persuasive appearances by its leaders on CNN and the

tactical release of buman rights pris-oners cannot wash away the indelible

to Europe from my native South Afri-

ca, that there should be so much

indecision in the United States and

elsewhere over whether to lift the

pressions of Tiananmen Square.

have found it surprising, on a visit

matic retaliation, is cheap. What, then, about China?

for the better?

ies of the West.

By Robert M. Solow and James Tobin

another piece of thoughtlessness. It could have brought some welcome business investments right when they are needed.

All that is spilt milk. Let's not make another stake, but get on with deficit reduction, relying on the Federal Reserve to manage the recovery. It will have to provide any stimulus needed to pep up the economy and offset contractionary impacts

from deficit-reducing measures to come.

The fashionable idea that the bond market by itself will lower long-term interest rates enough to induce private spending sufficient to offset those impacts is wishful thinking. The Fed must do more than resist temptations to raise the rates it controls. It has to be ready to reduce them.

Neither of us agrees with every item in the fiscal package. But it represents more responsible bud-geting than has been seen in Washington for a long time. Here are good reasons to pass it:

• The 1992 deficit would be reduced by about

\$160 billion. That would make room, in a fully employed economy, for a 40 percent increase in spending on capital equipment, financed by pri-vate saving that would otherwise be absorbed by government securities.

 The federal debt would at least stop rising faster than the gross domestic product.

• The bond market expectations that shaved more than half a point from long-term interest rates would be confirmed. Should the initiative for deficit reduction fall apart, those interest rates would be likely to rise.

Although some features of the president's tax proposal have been bargained away, the Ways and

Sanctions Can Work, but Apply Them With Care

By Anthony Hazlitt Heard

squeeze on China. It is difficult to see tem, described even by pro-government churches as a "cancer" in the

life of the nation.

There is fairly general agreement in

South Africa today that sauctions did

press the government to change, spe-

cifically to release political prisoners

and allow "more normal" politics. Pieter W. Botha, succeeded in 1989

by the reformist Frederik W. de Klerk as president, used the kid-glove

treatment he received from the West

as a license to smash much of south-ern Africa with his army, and to con-

tain internal black dissent by force.

youth - fought the armored cars

the tightening grip of international sanctions, brought the system to the verge of collapse. The death of world

communism contributed largely to change because it made South Afri-

can whites, particularly Mr. de Klerk,

more ready to try democracy in the

Whatever happens on that front (and news of a date for all-race elec-

tions is imminent in South Africa), there are lessons flowing from the

Sanctions are blunt instruments, and if extended willy-nilly from trade

period of pressure on Pretoria.

black-majority country.

with their bare fists and, helped by

Of course, blacks - notably the

Means Committee bill would go a long way toward restoring tax equity and bolstering the federal revenue base. It would also promote some energy we agree with President Clinton that the coun-

try must shift priorities from consumption, private and public, to investment, private and public.

Although most of the proposed new taxes and peace dividends are earmanked for deficit reduction, the plan before the House allocated small amounts to public investments aimed at a high-tech economy and a high-education work force. These are, like deficit reduction, justified by their payoffs to future Americans.

America's Group of Seven partners have long been critical of its profligate fiscal policy and tight monetary policy. They are counting on the Clinton administration to engineer a shift to fiscal prudence and lower interest rates.

The United States in turn is urging fiscal expaninto Ontice States in turn is triging usear expansion to speed growth in Japan and monetary ease to cut interest rates in Germany and the rest of Europe. That may well be the right brew for the ailing world economy — and for the U.S. trade deficit. But such international cooperation might

fall apart if Congress balks.

For 12 years, Washington gave the world an object lesson in how divided government leads to gridlock. Now it has an opportunity to show that American government is not structurally doorned to gridlock. Let the members of both Houses and parties stand up for effective democracy.

Mr. Solow and Mr. Tobin, Nobel laurentes in economics, are, respectively, professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and profes-sor of economics emeritus at Yale University. They contributed this comment to The New York Times.

to cover sensitive areas such as the

academic world, arts and thought can

permanently impoverish a nation. Significantly — and farsightedly —

some British universities stuck to

their guns in face of criticism and

maintained academic contact with even Ian Smith's university in Salis-

bury (now Harare) after his rebellion.

letters and the arts affected both

Rhodesia and South Africa, produc-ing a strangely spastic public opin-

ion, at least among whites.

People began to believe in carica-

tures of themselves and of the world.

White Rhodesians were convinced

that the West had "gone to the dogs"

and that world communism was a

rampant force - not long, ironically,

before the Berlin Wall fell. White

South Africans, with limited infor-

mation available to them, cherished

the belief that a world power like the United States would join them in a

crusade against communism, or what

they viewed as communism, for in-

stance in Angola - where South Af-

rican forces were left high and dry, with no U.S. support, just south of

Both the white Rhodesians and many white South Africans firmly

believed that Barry Goldwater would

make it to the White House - and

that Robert Mugabe would lose the election in Zimbabwe in 1980. Igno-rance fueled wishful thinking. Deni-

al of the best on television and film

led South Africans to believe that

"Dallas" and "Dynasty" were what

Treading the sanctions path has to

take account of such factors. The

key question, in relation to China or anywhere, is: What sort of people will emerge when sanctions and re-

America was all about

Luanda in 1975.

The denial of the best in television,

Markets To Enter In Asia

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — The Clinton W administration needs to pay more attention to Asia — all of Asia not just Japan and China - became that is where the trade action is. Some Americans are astonished to learn that the value of American exports to Asia already surpasses total sales to Enrope, and the gap is growing.

By the year 2000, the value of
America's Pacific trade will double

its Atlantic trade, in the estimate of Paula Stern, former International Trade Commission chairman. The Commerce Department took note of this trend with a cover story on APEC, the 15-member Asia-Pacif

ic Economic Cooperation forum, in its April 5 issue of Business America. The United States is APEC chairmen this year, and will host a ministerial meeting in Seattle in November.

APEC offers the Clinton adminis-

tration an opportunity to put its stamp on trade policy. So far, in pushing for completion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, and for the North American Free Trade Agreement, Bill Clinton has been working on an agenda largely inherited from George Bush.

Mr. Clinton and the U.S. trade any new initiative must take its place behind the Uruguay Round negotia-tions and NAFTA, they know that trade with the APEC countries holds. enormous promise.
But, as Ms. Stern points out, the

American private sector and the Clinton administration must be more ag-gressive in building a relationship with Asia. In a recent speech in Bangkok, Ms. Stern said that "firms that have as their strategic ambitions to be global players must be major players in the Asian market." Last year that market accounted for about onequarter of global GNP, compared with 4 percent in 1960.

Undergirding the private sector mitiative, Ms. Stern argues, must be a new American "geo-economic poli-cy" toward Asia, composed first of strong leadership by President Clinton, and second of public awareness of the extent to which America's future prosperity depends on Asia.

Ms. Stern said in an interview that

APEC should be viewed as only "one piece of a major, integrated trade strategy, reflecting what is in Ameri-ca's own national interest." She would like to see NAFTA and APEC linked — Singapore, for example, would be ready to join NAFTA.

Behind the scenes in the Clinton administration, there is recognition that the Asian countries are not mere "tigers" producing consumer goods for the United States, but are even more important as markets.

But many Americans continue to have negative feelings about the smaller Asian countries, whom they regard as smaller editions of an export-hungry Japan.

Since its first meeting in Australia in 1989, APEC has grown from 12 to 15 members by admitting China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. It also es-tablished an Eminent Persons Group, comprised of experienced, privatesector trade hands from 11 of the countries to draw up a plan for trade in the Asia-Pacific region.

The American member, and group of chairman, is C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics. He said in an interview that the Asians' interest in APEC is driven by three concerns: worry that the global trade system symbolized by GATT is failing; dislike of NAFTA, which many think is divert-ing the United States from greater opportunities in Asia; and fear that America will withdraw from Asia, and that the void will be filled by Japan or China.

The Asians are even more worried about China than about Japan, he said, because "they don't know how to assess China's growing power."

The possibility of a Pacific Free Trade Agreement will be discussed by Mr. Bergsten's group in Tokyo early next month, and again in Seattle. Some APEC members favor exploring that concept at a first-time economi summit meeting of the 15 nations leaders after the Scattle meeting.

APEC may be a vision that will never come off. Some Clinton admin-

istration officials are loath to talk about it until NAFTA is a reality, and until Japan has permitted greater market access. And Mr. Clinton, after his major public relations and public confidence battering in the past few weeks, clearly must focus on gerting his domestic economic pro-gram through Congress. If he fails, all bets are off — on everything.

The Washington Post.

Just Who Are These Visitors Helping?

in China, apart from cosmetics.

It was thus refreshing to read

A. M. Rosenthal's argument against the current campaign by China trade lobbyists in the United States (IHT,

May 22). The "trickle-down" argument, which holds that more trade

will liberalize a regime, is as old as the hills. Generally it is a case of business special pleading for stepped up trade, and to hell with human rights.

It was a familiar story in South

Africa in the cruelest days of apart-bod repression, when the white

business lobby opposed sanctions on the ground that they would,

among other things, harm other Af-

ricans — whose leaders, with minor

exceptions, were calling for stronger action to end apartheid.

White-run business had a remark-

able Damascus Road experience —

discovering black suffering. It came

after years of comfortable, unspo-

ken coalition with the apartheid government, which ensured divi-

dends and foreign exchange access to business while the government

flayed blacks and looted the nation's

wealth. Crucial to these designs was the cheap-labor migrant worker sys-

WASHINGTON — Political sur-reality reached new peaks this week as hundreds of African-Americans gathered for a second African African-American Summit in Gabon, a Central African state on the brink of bankruptcy and popular rebellion.
As students marched in the streets

to protest the collapsing infrastruc-ture, the foreign minister — the daughter of President Omar Bongo — offered groggy new arrivals a fashion show including a half-dozen European models especially flown in for the event, strutting the latest creations to the accompaniment of Michael Jackson CDs. In 1991, authoritarian African

leaders used the African-American delegation to the first such conference, in the Ivory Coast, as a public relations prop. Many African-Ameri-can conferees wonder whether that is happening again in Gabon.
Upon formal independence from France in 1960, Gabon possessed the

greatest economic potential in black Africa. With a small population and abundant natural resources, it appeared destined for prosperity. Yet today Gabon is essentially bankrupt. Corruption and mismanagement

have impoverished the people and saddled the country with the world's highest per capita indebtedness. Income from the 1970s oil boom disappeared into private bank accounts, profligate projects like the 1977 Or -. ganization of African Unity summit and President Bongo's \$139 million palace in Libreville

In mid-April, Gabonese took to the streets, demanding restoration of water and electricity, which had been cut off for about six months as the country's infrastructure crumbled.

By George B. N. Ayittey

Mr. Bongo's presidential guard brutally suppressed the demonstrations, killing several people.
In December, Mr. Bongo will seek a fifth seven-year term in the country's first multiparty presidential election.

What better opportunity to burnish his image than the "summit"? While the U.S. commerce secretary, Ron Brown, and most U.S. congressmen prudently avoided the potential trap, American organizers attracted some prominent U.S. delegates by arguing that the aim was to increa cooperation between the United States and Africa's developing countries. Those attending include Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, Andrew Young, Coretta Scott King, Louis

Sullivan, Governor Douglas Wilder of Virginia and Representative John Convers Jr. of Michigan. The meeting's emphasis is on build-ing business links with Africa. Unfortunately, these have served mostly to bolster corrupt leaders across Africa. African-Americans could best help their black brothers and sisters by pressing the transcendent issues of

freedom and open government.

An opportunity for African-Americans to promote democratization was squandered two years ago when President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast hosted the first African African-American Summit. Participants gathered at the president's cometown of Yamoussoukro, site of the world's largest Roman Catholic basilica - erected at a cost of at least \$360 million, in a country in which

annual per capita income is \$1.381.

The African-Americans in Yamous-

soukro had only praise for the African leaders who came for feasts and photo opportunities. There was not a word about the murder of more than 80 prodemocracy demonstrators the week before in neighboring Mali, nor a mur-mur about the 26 missing pro-democracy demonstrators who had been found at the bottom of Lome lagoon in nearby Togo. One of the corpses was that of a woman with her baby still strapped to her back.

Benjamin Hooks, then director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was quoted as saying: "There is little black Americans could or should do directly to foster or affect political change in sub-Saharan Africa ... 1 don't think it is our business to meddle in their affairs."

As delegates were being guided through Yamoussoukro, a citizen asked: "Why have you black Americans let us down?

African-Americans in Gabon should nonder this. They ought not to allow themselves to be used by President Bongo. At this meeting they should instead reinforce the democratic values that most Africans hold as America's most admirable quality.

Early reports from the meeting have not been encouraging. Not a single delegate attended a public meeting called by Gabonese human rights groups and opposition political parties to protest human rights abuses in a country claiming to be a model for the continent's democratic future.

The writer, a native of Ghana, is associate professor of economics at American University and author of "Af-rica Betrayed." He contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

The writer is former editor of the Cape Times in Cape Town. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO 1893: Opéra Weed-Out

PARIS - The Minister of Fine Arts has instructed the management of the Opera to reduce the number of singers to what is strictly necessary, and there will be a weeding-out which is likely to cause some sensation. The managers intend to pension off some of the older members of the orchestra who are no longer at their best.

1918: Mum's the Word

PARIS - The following Note was communicated to the Paris newspapers last evening [May 27]: "By its bidaily communiques the Government keeps the public acquainted with the military operations and their development. With regard to the bombardments of the Paris region the position is not the same. If it is inconvenient to indicate the positions where we find ourselves in contact with the enemy, it would be a real crime to permit the Germans, by details which we ourselves furnish, to rectify a most

inaccurate fire. It is now, in the interests of the public, forbidden to announce the points of fall."

1943: Allies' War Plan

WASHINGTON - From our New York edition:] President Roosevelt, in a statement which left the Axis powers guessing as to where they will be hit next, announced today [May 27] that the combined American and British staffs have completed plans for the future conduct of the war. His enigmatic comment on the conclusions reached in the meeting which began at the White House on May 11 with the arrival of Prime Minister Churchill follows: "The conference of the combined staff has ended in complete agreement on future opera-tions in all theaters of the war." His words were interpreted as further substantiation that the Allies are now powerful enough to prosecute the war in the Pacific with increased vigor while continuing to make life miserable for Germany and Italy.

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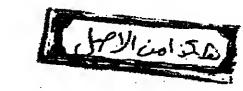
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OPINION

A Wrong-Note Symphony Under Mr. Don't-Blame-Me

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Here's the good N news: They're learning. George Stephanopoulos, 32 going on

50, is no longer cockily expressing amazement that anyone could be interested in a minor shakeup in the White House travel office. On the contrary, he is admitting mistakes, showing contri-

tion, learning.
"Mack" McLarty, the Clinton chief of staff ever since kindergarten, put five of the dismissed staffers back on payroll. "Mack the Nice" and Leon Panetta will try to see that political patronage and police power do not again get mixed.

The White House counsel, Bernard

Nussbaum, discovering abuse of the FBI for political purposes by the White House, admitted no wrongdoing but promised Attorney General de jure Jaoet Reno never to go to the federal bureau behind her back again.

These three men have properly assumed responsibility for the mishmash of bubris, favors, white lies, inexperience, misunderstandings and ignorances that led to a mini-firestorm — compounded by the \$200 haircut, for which they had

better be sure the president paid.

This column would have gone on in this upbeat fashion but for two reactions from people who didn't get the word, plus one stonewall.

One was from the fellow playing the piano downstairs, blissfully unaware of happenings in the rest of the house. "I had nothing to do with any decision," declared Mr. Clinton, "except to save the taxpayers and the press money." Why is his opening song always "Don't Blame Me"?

Then Linda Bloodworth-Thomason,

standing by her man, adopted the too-rich-to-steal defense: How could any couple who made over \$6 million a year, and who had a lousy \$25,000 investment in a travel business (pocket change), possibly want to deprive six little people at the White House of their living? "It's sort of the equivalent of taking over a lemonade stand."

Perhaps, to the Clintons' best Hollywood friends, an \$8-million a year travel operation — which the president's cousin Cathy was eager to run, and the Thomasons' air charter buddies were hungry to profit from — is a mere "lemonade stand," a figure of speech that betrays contempt for the poor slobs with cheaply shorn tresses who voted for Bill Clinton.

And perhaps the White House's application of the full power of the FBI in providing cover to Clinton partorage is all in the imagination of "the incestnous insane asylum" that is the national press, as Mrs. Bloodworth-Thomason charged, which will hardly endear her to

agents; they took the data to Thomas

chief; he took it on May 14 to Jerry McDowell of the Fraud Section.

The Thomason-triggered probe then went to John Keeney, acting chief of the headless Crimmal Division, who reassigned it to Joseph Gangloff, running the Public Integrity Section; on Wednesday, May 19, a two-page "Urgent Report" was forwarded by Mr. Keeney by hand to Attorney General Reno, copy to Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell. The next day, Mr. Stephanopoulos began putting out the word, getting the FBI press agents to strengthen the language.

Not until the following Monday, May 24, when she read a barb in one of my columns about White House abuse of the FBI, did Ms. Reno call Mr. Nussbaum with her complaint about not being informed of the factories.

baum with her complaint about not being informed of the investigation.

The counsel's office promised never to ignore her again. Ms. Reno will not to ignore her again. Ms. Reno will not take a call from me on this; a press aide, Carl Stern, blowing his cool, says only, "Use your sources." It seems that the attorney general's big problem is with not reading her urgent mail.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Fishing Just Yet

Regarding "American Ground Zero" (Books, May 14) by T. H. Watkins:

Years ago, when I needed some inforrears ago, when I needed some infor-mation about geomagnetic physics for a novel I was thinking of writing. I talked with a physics professor at my college in Portland, Oregon. He was very helpful in supplying the information I needed, after which we sat in his office and chatted. What he told me in an informal conversation was probably more imporconversation was probably more impor-tant than what I had come for.

He had been hired after the Hanford nuclear power plant was built in 1963 as part of a team to take water and river-soil samples from a boat at various points on the Columbia River, Hanford is the largest plutonium production fa-cility in the world, and the 650-squaremile (1,680-square-kilometer) reserva-tion around the Hanford plant is used as a graveyard for radioactive waste. His job did not last as long as he had

expected, the samples kept coming up with alarming amounts of radiation. The results were too embarrassing to be made public, the research boat was shut down and the scientific data already collected were buried.

charged, which will hardly endear her to mental health workers.

But the craven conduct of the Justice Department in this affair is worth a closer look. On May 12, William Kennedy at the White House summoned FBI would be like." He went on to say, "There's just no way to get the radiation

I'd advise you oot to fish in the Columbia River."

For how long?

"Oh," he considered for a moment The half-life of plutonium is 24,000 years. Not for a while, I'd think."

LEE WOOD.

The Right Thing to Do Regarding "Green Foreign Aid Would Sell Better" (Opinion, May 5) by James C. Clad and Roger D. Stone:

This article plows familiar ground but neglects a critical point. Yes, foreign and is not a big seller on Main Street. Yes, a new focus on basic human needs and the nurturing of civil societies will be enhanced if it can be made economically advantageous for the U.S. environmen-

But for the poorest countries, U.S. foreign aid cannot be "market-centered" because the markets are not there. The poorest nations simply do not have purchasing power for "green" or

any other products.

By implying that Americans will not support assistance to these countries simply because it is the right thing to do, the authors sell them short. We Americans are a generous people. Our humani-tarian instincts will continue to respond positively to opportunities for modest, well-planned aid for health and development with no strings attached.

ELIOT T. PUTNAM JR.

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Words, Words, Words

Regarding "Somali Warlord Sees Himself Reborn as 'Freedom Fighter'" (May 12) by Keith B. Richburg:

It is evident that Operation Restore Hope has not removed the warlords; it has rehabilitated them in a new guise. Their transformation in to politicians aspiring for electoral success would be welcome were it not for the fact that they retain substantial arsenals and plan to use them whenever necessary.

UN and U.S. diplomacy, culminating

in the Addis Ababa agreement in March, has done nothing to dilute the power of the warlords. The talk about nurturing civic groups as alternative structures of power and authority has been precisely that: talk.

It seems that the United Nations in Somalia is set on the path that has so signally failed in Cambodia and Angola. Blind faith in a chimerical paper agreement cannot replace the imperative of systematic disarmament and patient reconstruction of civil society.

ALEX de WAAL and RAKIYA OMAAR, Co-chairmen. African Rights. London.

Unending Equivocation

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I have given up reading about Bosnia. After more than a year of reading about

endless postponements and cowardly excuses. I must conclude that the European governments intend to sit tight until the Serbs have completed their "ethnic cleansing" and created a Greater Serbia. Nor will the United States do anything to halt the suffering, justifying its inacnon by the inaction of the Europeans. I don't want to read any more about it. I don't want to hear about the shame and

LEONORE SUHL

Down With Sexualization Recording "Toward New Limits on

Sexuality" (Opinion, April 28): How uplifting to read Edwin M. Yoder Jr.'s eloquent plea for the "drastic desexualization" of the American public space, "now replete with pro-miscuous display and titillation." His remarks are particularly appropriate at this time of year. Spring weather en-courages all kinds of sexual thoughts in the minds of office workers, leading too frequently to unbusinesslike banky-panky, diminishing profits and surely resulting in a competitive disadvantage

with the Japanese.

It is rather humbling to realize that the Puritans' struggle to eliminate s*x from national life goes on, three centuries later. Carry on, Mr. Yoder; your consider as a constant of the struggle of the s crusade is as American as cherry pic. JOEL COHEN.

The Answer to Aid Appears In Those Precious Beakers

By Larry J. Silverman

gion of Russia known as Karelia, is so far off the beaten track that the shopkeepers there won't even accept American dollars. Only Russian rubles are good here, I was told, and markkaa — the currency of neighboring Finland, which until 1940 owned Karelia.

I was traveling with a delegation of Americans specializing in the manage-ment of municipal water and sewer sys-

MEANWHILE

tems. Our Russian hosts told us that Preozersk, which translates roughly as "Lakeside," had been the scene of one of those epic battles that seem to characterize the Russian environmental move-ment, pitting a gigantic industrial enterprise spewing toxic chemicals into the beautiful forests and clear waters against a courageous scientist chronicling the injury to health and the environment.

There are usually only two ontcomes to these disputes: Close the factory or continue the pollution. In Preozersk, they closed the factory. The quality of drinking water improved dramatically as did the health of the town's children.

But the local economy plummeted.

The pride of Preozersk is its water filtration plant. A community that had sacrificed so much for clean water was oot about to let its drinking water infrastructure fall apart. The engineers in our group were amazed at how well the facility operated, considering how bitle there was in the way of tools, materials and equipment. In the laboratory, for example, miniature hourglasses did the work of the electronic timers found in Ameri-can laboratories. "Are you satisfied with your equipment?" one of us asked. "Ob yes," we were told, "it is satisfactory,

except for the glassware."

The small lab in Preozersk, like thousands of laboratories throughout Russia, used to get its scientific beakers, flasks and tubes from East Germany at a low cost. That was before the "current process of disintegration," as the mayor exhibited the second control of the second cost. plained. About five years ago, the German glass stopped coming. Preozersk has not seen a new piece of lab glass since.

A broken glass means big trouble.

As we were leaving, one of the Americans asked for a drink of water. The lab technician rinsed ont a precious beaker and filled it with the water station's safe and bealthful product. Each of the Americans in turn drank from the same beaker as the technician rinsed it and filled it and ninsed it again. This was the first and only publicly supplied water that any of our delegation drank in Russia. We wouldn't do this in Leningrad. one of us remarked. I will never forget the smiles of pride on the faces of these Russian municipal workers.

1 think of those faces and of that bea-

WASHINGTON — Preozersk, a sending aid to Russia is like putting mon-small city in a northwestern restation in Preozersk is no rathole. Providing laboratory glass there at low cost or no cost would strengthen a vital institu-tion and win friends for America. It would also provide jobs to American glass makers. And when the Russian economy recovers, such aid could open large markets for American products.

Despite decades of deadening centralization, the Russian people have built thousands of viable local and regional institutions. These include municipal governments, universities, private businesses, government agencies, hospitals, farms, factories, utilides, railroads and many others. These institutions must continue to operate no matter how the power struggle in Moscow resolves itself. The alternative is untold suffering. sell. The alternative is tintoid suffering.
The challenge to the U.S. government
and other aid givers is to identify these
institutions and support them. This will
require a new approach to technical assistance. Small teams of Americans with practical experience m many fields should be fanning out across Russia not just to offer advice and training, al-though these are important, but to learn from the Russians what they need and

how it can be gotten to them.

The primary purpose of these technical assistance teams should be to advise the U.S. government on how to target assistance, how to distribute aid and bow to do so without hurting indigeoous enterprises. A secondary purpose of the teams should be to encourage commercial and intellectual exchanges that could continue without further government involvement. Obviously the instability of the central government in Moscow is an impediment to effective assistance. So is the rigidity of U.S. government bureaus and interna-tional banking institutions. America's aim in Russia should be to support the vital enterprises of the Russian people, not to shore up one particular govern-ment, no matter how friendly that goverament may be.
President Boris Yeltsin's electoral vic-

tory last month was a stroke of luck for U.S. foreign policy. Despite incredible hardships, the Russian people turned away from militarism and empire and embraced democratic ideals. But the careful of the property of the careful of pacity of even Russians to suffer is not unlimited. The immediate challenge for the American government is to help the Russians realize some of the material benefits of their newfound freedom. This means not just aid but effective aid assistance that improves the living conditions of the people. If Americans can help Russians help themselves to a better economy and safer ecology, they will take care of their own political problems.

The writer is an environmental attorney. He contributed this comment to The

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Music and History in Ferrara

By Roderick Conway Morris

ERRARA, Italy -Flamboyant, despotic, devious, often cruel, but generally endowed with the Este family ruled this walled city on the plain, where the Po flows into the Adriatic, for nearly 350 years. They were especially fond of music and theater, and the traditions they established lived on long after the dynasty became ex-tinct in 1597, when the Pope took over Ferrara and installed a cardinal as its governor.

Successive cardinal-legates continued to promote the performing arts, though religious and worldly interests did sometimes collide: when Vivaldi was invited to stage his operas here in 1738, he had to direct by remote cootrol, since the ruling cardinal refused to allow him to enter the city, scandalized that Vivaldi (a priest) should be traveling openly with his protegee, the beautiful young soprano Anna

in 1796 Cardinal Carala completed the city's impressive Teatro Pubblico, now the Teatro Communale, or Municipal Theater, a

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theaters that had, with monotonous regularity, gone up in flames. Carafa's patronage of theater did not extend to an approclation of Italy's characteristically boisterous audience participation, and he forbade clapping, foot-stamping, whistling and calls for encores during performances - on pain of public whipping, imprisonment

Five years ago the Teatro Com-munale became the venue for Ferrara Musica, a new annual music festival, offering two sets of con-certs (in late May-June, and in Oc-tober). Among last year's guest productions were John Eliot Gardi-ner's "Cosi Fan Tutte," This year there is a wide-ranging orchestral program, locluding Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Haydn and Rossini, conducted by Claudio Ab-bado, Roger Norrington and Ivan

Opposite the theater is the Old Castle, scene of many Este entertainments, intrigues and excesses. A massive medieval brick structure, surrounded by a most, the astle served as much to awe the local populace as to defend anyone against external enemies. The upper rooms were transformed into Lucrezia Borgia presided for the (1474-1533). He built the house second half of her life, setting the with the royalties from his romanmoral tone as the perfect housewife and hostess.

tic epic bestseller Orlando Furioso, and writes for The Spectator and hostess.

Luly and writes for The Spectator and other publications.

The dungeons below are aothentically dismal. Here, several inconvenient members of the Este family

met gruesome ends. N attendant is still oo hand, just as a Victori-

tell with a sigh the story

of Paisina, the young secood wife of Niccolo d'Este (1383-1441) who

had the misfortune to fall in love

with her handsome stepson, Ugo:

an traveler found, to

ture that replaced a series of earlier "Decapitati, tutti e due" (Both be- only a few minutes' walk from the headed). In the same prisoo another Este who stepped out of line, Don Giulio, was kept for 53 years. He was fitally released by his great-nephew in 1559 and took a stroll around town to reacquaint himself with the haunts of his youth, still dressed in the fashion of half a century before and fol-

lowed everywhere by an admiring

To the south of the castle lies Ferrara's medieval heart, and the Via delle Volte, a mile-long street with a series of vaulted arches, reminiscent of an Eastern bazaar. To the north is the Herculean Extension, named after Ercole (Hercules) L, who commissioned the local architect Biagio Rossetti (1447-1516) to vastly increase the city's size. Rossetti laid out a grid of broad streets and built numerous houses, palazzi and churches to fill them. (The project was, however, so ambitious that it was only in the 20th century that the entire area was urbanized.) Rossetti's most striking edifice is the Palazzo dei Diamanti, its exterior faced with 12,600 stooe blocks cut like dismonds (one of Ercole's heraldic devices).

modest house of the poet and ama-

The Este themselves built numer-

ous villas, paylons and hunting linked by the legendary "Viale," a leafy private corridor shielded by trees, vines and hedges, so that the court could move from one pleasure dome to another and remain invisible to the gaze of lesser mortals.

The most interesting survivor of these exclusive residences is Rossetti's Palazzo Schifanoia ("Awaywith-boredom"). A fantastic-realis-tic cycle of frescoes depict the zodiacal signs and months of the year, and sparkingly evoke life in the Este court. Amidst the classical and allegorical imagery, one scene shows Borso d'Este and his entonrage laughing at a court buffoon's latest witticism, while in another scene, snappily dressed young courtiers at a musical party are go-ing so far as to cuddle the girls and meeting only the most token displays of resistance.

Close by the Schifanoia is the church of Santa Maria in Vado ("by the ford"). An unusual bar, run by the partial has little tables set out in the 15th-century cloister, a most delectable spot to pause for Around the corner is the more a late afternoon or evening drink. Ferrara Musical: (0532) 202.400 (information), 202.075 (bookings).

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■ Now that nobody actually remembers hippic culture, either because they were there or because they weren't, the Singapore Ministry of Information has lifted a ban on "Yellow Submarine" and "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds." The Beatles songs had been banned since the 1960s because censors felt they glorified drug use. Still very much on the index are Sinead O'Connor and rap musicians. Maybe Singapore is on to something



Variations on ordinary objects: chairs, a television, a fan and a lamp in "Design."

The Shape of Everyday Life

By Katherine Knorr

ARIS - Here we are, nearly at the end of the century, and pop culture curators are looking for themes. What will appeal to history's last man, what will reflect his achievements? The big "Design" show that just opened here grandiloquently says that the shape of ordinary objects - of toothbrushes and eyeglasses and personal computers - is a mirror for the century. So it isn't reassuring to see that this show is a mess.

An exhibition like this should be fun. It has

everything going for it: It's pop culture incar-nate, all about things you can or could once buy, many of them as familiar to most people as Beatles music and hardly more challeng-ing. Instead, it has the same desperate hipness as what passes for scholarship in some circles these days: It's anti-clitist to a fault and, so, utterly pretentious. No gimmick has been spared, that much can

be said. You enter the exhibition as you might enter Charles de Gaulle airport, through one of those grayish white corridors that come right up to the plane. You emerge, surrounded by the growing sound of engines, onto a metal concourse suspended in the middle of the

cavernous and unswept Grand Palais.

There is a high-perched row of seats where you can pick up phones (some prettily trans-parent) to hear news or audio collages, or watch video documentaries. As you walk through the show, you will hear snatches of tapes with Significant People talking or just machines heeping and food mixers whirring. On the far wall are huge pictures meant to tell

you what else was happening in the world in the early days of the icebox or the calculator: old-fashioned workers, grim urban scenery, the images of our time. At one end of the show the curving structure of the place is done up in wrinkled looking mirrors, which are meant, it seems, to make you feel sprittually dizzy.

B EFORE you get to the mirrors, however, you might want to look at what is displayed, but that isn't easy. It's all right there on the floor, which is fine for a Cadillac Eldorado, but a little more difficult when it comes to an 1878 Dresser design for a toast rack or Tupperware jugs or fax machines. Some of the objects are transparent cases that rise to knee level, which turns the viewer into an awkward giant peering down at Lilliputian displays.

What is this show, which covers roughly 150 years, trying to tell us? There is no real attempt outside of the catalogue to show the evolution of the design of one or another necessity in our lives, and no attempt really to link any of it to good times, bad times, times of hope or times of despair. There is no attempt to show what might make one design good, and another not, no attempt indeed to give good display to things people might want to look at for a while.

Is anything that is manufactured part of

no distinctions between an objet d'art and a household gadget. Surely even among objects produced in series there are distinctions, or is Gallé glassware no different from Indusco roller sicates (1979)?

We're no longer a hopeful bunch at the end of the 20th century, and there is nothing to dream on here. The exhibition exists in a kind of perpetual postmodern dimension; It ends not with vistas of the future, as technological shows used to but squarely with the present, in the unremarkable form of Renault's latest car, the Twingo.

wrong Reagnit is one of the show's sponsors, and it is a nice little advert for its latest product to be set right there along with the Citroens CV and the Thonet cafe chair and the Coca-Cola bottle as the kind of everyday object that is a mirror of the 20th century. And that's only the beginning. The second part of the show is a mini trade fair, booths by BMW, and Remetters and the Paris depart. ment store Les Trois Suisses and so on.

"Design" (to July 25) ends up less a mirror of the 20th century than a reflection of fin de siècle superficiality in the museum world.

So is this a show to avoid? No. it's a show to take your kids to, in spite of it all, because there are lots of wonderful things to look at Is anything that is manufactured part of "Design" or just a "design?" Should we see Raymond Loewy, designing the Studebaker, as a kind of a more practical Michelangelo? Was Picasso a great dish decorator who was also a Sunday painter? The great of this world have always had ordinary objects turned to art, bejeweled snuff boxes or carved ivory combs or gold-inlaid pistols. But the highly take your kids to, in spite of it all, because there are lots of wonderful things to look at among the 1,600 or so objects, whether it's old bicycles on alarming cooking utensils or the Charles Eames chair. And check out the only outstanding sponsoring display, a replica of the 1955 McDonald's in Des Plaines, Illinois. You can eat and drink, it's weird, it says something about the century, and it's McPun.

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Lost in Yonkers

Directed by Martha Coolidge. Neil Simon's best-received play

is one of his most idiosyncratic being the story of an emotionally arrested child-woman, her Prussian general of a mother, two temporarily abandoned teenage boys and their gangster uncle. Only because it comes from Simon does this material take on universal appeal. "Lost in Yon-kers" somehow isolates a central vision of domestic love and conflict, one that emerges more and more clearly as the play focuses tightly on Bella, the young woman yearning for independence, and Grandma, the mother who refuses to let her go. As adapted by Simon himself and directed smoothly and adroitly by Mar-

tha Coolidge, "Lost in Yonkers" is sometimes more picturesque than powerful. But it conveys all the warmth and color of the original material. Grandma is played so commandingly by Irene Worth that the whole film seems ready to stand at attention when she appears. Providing comic re-lief is Richard Dreyfuss in the role of Uncle Louis, the ineffectual gaugster who wins over Arty and Jay with his well-developed sense of fun. The film's tone remains tirelessly pert up to the point where its battle royal is allowed to take center stage.
(Janet Maslin, NYT)

Kokkel e Iko Directed by Haruo Ichikura. With political corruption uncov-

cal the why is truly a timely pic-une. Particularly since it quite openly attacks the root problem: human nanne. Matsudaira (Ken Ogata), fifth-term member of the lower house of the Diet, is virtuous as Dictmen go, but as his naive young secretary learns—he piles away the bribes with the best of them. When the voungster complains to a coleagne, she tells him that he is being unrealistic. Then she opens up the satchel he is delivexing to his boss, points at all the yen inside and says: This is reality. And that's not all, as the young man discovers. To make it big in the political world you-have to bully, to commve, to lie. and to sing romantic kara-oke songs with your women constit-

ered just everywhere, this satiri-

shown W Haruo Ichikura and if the finale is a bit like Animal House goes to Japan, the ten are like Animal House. And this picture, unlike everyone in it, never lies. The title translates as "Let's All Go to the Diet" and things will never change until everyone does (Donald Richie, IHT) Much Ado About Mothing

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Directed by Kenneth Bran-

agh. Britain.

At the beginning of Kenneth Branagh's resoundingly average film adaptation of Shakespeare's bitchy comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," the Tus-can sun is high and golden and the residents staying at the villa belonging to the esteemed Don Leonato are scattered among the grapevines growing over a dusty hillside. While they jostle and cavort, these lusty wenches and lads look very much like what they are: a gang of pale-cheeked, thin-lipped British actors trying to figure out what this "thing," the sun, is. In a sense, it's an Elizabethan version of "Peter's Friends," a deadly dull upper-crust comedy in which Branagh and his wife-(Emma Thompson, who plays Beatrice here) recently starred. People bicker and play word games with each other to hide their true feelings, just like you and me, and absolutely nothing is at stake. Perhaps Branagh wanted to show how similar Shakespeare's work was to modern comedy of manners. But what he's done is demon-strate how, in the wrong hands.

BRIDGE

in his turn, played low. Now the

took his ace.

By Alan Truscott

S EVEN years ago, Fred Stewart and Steve Weinstein failed to win the prestigious Cavendish Invitational Pairs by the equivalent of a couple of overtricks. During the past weekend they made up for that disappointment, winning by 690 imps, one of the biggest margins

They surged to the front on the second day with considerable help from the diagramed deal on which they climbed to five diamonds in the face of a weak two-bid by East. Stewart, as South, did not like his chances when West led a spade and the dammy appeared. He had plen-tv of tricks in one sense after win-won in his hand, cashed the K-Q of bidding: ning the spade ace, but the defense clubs, and crossed to the diamond was ready to take three decisive ten. He then threw his three re-

Uoblocking his club honors making an "impossible" game and 50 would have given too much infor- gaining 188 imps.

mation to the defense. Instead he NORTH (D) led a low diamond, and won in dummy with the nine when West played low. He then led a heart, and won with the queen when East, ♦ 10952

diamond king was led, and West West cashed the spade king, which was an error. He did not know that his partner held the SOUTH heart ace, but he could have underied his spade king and left the next move to his partner: East would have known what to do. As it was, West exited with his last trump, in the belief that this was

East South West 2 Dbl. 3 Pass Dbl. Pass maining hearts on dummy's clubs,

ized and reduced to chatter. (Hal Hinson, WP)

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Traveler, Beware, You're a Target

Thieves Refine Tactics As Tourism Flourishes

By Philip Crawford

AST month's robbery and murder of a German woman vacationing in Florida has galvanized public awareness that tourists who are unfamiliar with their surroundings can be the most likely victims

Such extreme violence is rare. But the theft of cash, credit cards and other valuables from purses, coat pockets, hotel rooms and automobiles is rampant, say travel industry and law enforcement professionals worldwide. Scams aimed at unsuspecting tourists are ubiqui-

Moreover, as international tourism continues to grow — it's now oearly a \$300 billion industry (excluding international transportation) and increasing every year, according to the World Tourism Organization in Madrid — the same types of cons are evolving everywhere. The identical modus operandi used to pick your pocket in a New York airport may victimize a tourist in London or Mos-

cow, say authorities. Most crimes for which tourists are frequent targets can be prevented if travelers take common-sense precautions and know the kinds of cenarios to look out for.

"The basics, of course, involve things such as not carrying much cash, always being aware of where one's wallet is, not wearing expensive jewelry, and oever leaving valuables in one's hotel room or car," said Sgt. Peter Kilburn of the City of London Police. "Tourists also shouldn't wander into remote parts of an unknown city. But even if you cover those bases, you've still got to watch out for all kinds of other things."

The most common crime against tourists by far, say law enforcers, is the presence of sophisticated, comthe time-honored pickpocket scam, and methods appear ever more sophisticated. Thieves often work in lem is theft by employees, but lax



Warsaw and Prague need to be par-ticularly watchful of such tactics.

rope involves packs of teenagers or even young children who will dis-

tract tourists by pretending to fight

among themselves. Amid the push-

ing and shoving, one or two gang

members ease their hands into

pockets or purses.
"Some of the pickpockets are very skilled," said Jürgen Stol-

tenow, a spokesman for the Bun-deskriminalamt, Germany's feder-

al law enforcement agency. "But it's not only tourists who have to be

watchful. Plenty of German people

have fallen prey to such thieves as

well." Stoltenow said that the

Frankfurt airport, Germany's busi-

est, is a frequent hannt of scam artists, and that car break-ins there

A particularly uoappetizing

pickpocket tactic in New York, say police, involves use of the small

plastic packets of ketchup and mustard known to the sidewalk food trade. While eating a salted pretzel or other hand-held food

item, a thief will squirt the goocy

substance on a target and then, amid much apologizing, insist on helping to clean the soiled shirt or

jacket. That's when the wallet gets pinched, and police say that it can

happen astonishingly fast.

have been a serious problem.

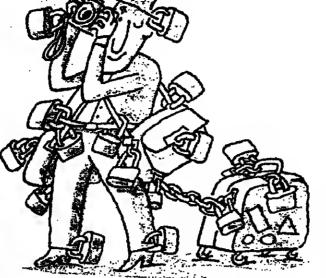
Another common strategy in Eu-

in-house security can also play a ist who is apparently in distress. role. Reports from Moscow, for example, indicate that some hotels catering to tourists still employ the driving another car. When she got traditional dezhurnaya, or key lady, out to investigate, she was at-who requires guests to leave their tacked, robbed and run over. keys whenever they exit the building, but who then often leaves the keys unattended.

doors, identifying themselves as employees oeeding perbaps to check the thermostat or to deliver a gift from the hotel management. Once inside the room, they rob the guests, often at knife- or gumpoint.

■ ORTUNATELY, some preventative steps are being taken to combar that tactic. The American Automobile Association, a U.S. travel group, recently informed over 22,000 member hostelries that, by 1995, deadbolt locks and peepholes must be standard equipment on room doors if the establishments wisb continued inclusion in AAA's widely-used travel guides. the works in Europe, authorities there say that efforts to heighten poblic awareness of commoo crimes against tourists are stepped up during the summer season.

Crimes against motorists, who The burglarizing of hotel rooms also remains widespread despite clearly-marked rental cars, are per-haps the most insidious, say police, puterized key systems, say travel because they prey on natural reindustry officials. Part of the prob-



bumped from behind by thieves Another scenario, say European

police officials, is the flagging down of a car by a roadside motor-Another approach is that of ist who appears to have engine thieves who knock on hotel room trouble or who is standing next to a companion who is lying down and apparently ill. When the passerby stops to help, hidden accomplices emerge and the theft takes place. A flurry of robberies using such tactics occurred two summers ago on the Spanish coastal highway leading from France to Valencia, but they eventually died down. Police advise tourists, particularly those traveling on remote areas of high-way, to keep driving if confronted

with such a situation. Joseph Russo, a vice-president of Hertz Corp., the world's largest car rental agency, said a program is under way in the United States to remove all identifying stickers from the Hertz fleet, as well as to per-While oo such sweeping action is in suade states which require special license plates for rental cars to drop that mandate. Following last month's tragedy, Florida has already done so.

"It's amazing how many people leave their common sense behind when they go on vacation and there are sometimes tourists driving will always be some crime," said clearly-marked rental cars, are per-Virginia-based Society of Travel Agents. "But you'd also be amazed sponses to get out of one's car after at how much of it is preventable if being hit, or to help another motor- people keep their wits about them."

Save Money, Gain a Weekend

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

HE recession it seems is the mother of invention. Business travelers trying to stretch their dollars have found a devilish way of beating the system by planning trips over the weekend to take advantage of the cheapest air fares and botel rooms. The secret is Saturday night

Io the United States, the Internal Revenue Service has ruled that travelers can claim wockend expenses as a legitimate business deduction if they use low-cost air tickets that require a Saturday night stay even if no business is transacted until Monday. Given that

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the lowest fare is typically 30 percent of the price of an unrestricted economy ticket, corporations may encourage travelers to buy cheap and add a weekend to their trip. In large cities many hotels slash rates over weekends, typically by about 50 percent. So an executive could bring a partner along on expenses, still save money, and enjoy.

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ploits the advantages of a cheap fare that locks you into prebooked flights. "Hank, I'll have to miss the emergency budget meeting. I can't change my ticket." On the other hand, an APEX/PEX ticket typically costs just half the normal round-trip fare, so you are still fairly flexible. If you need to cut short your trip, you simply throw away the return coupon and buy a single ticket home.

Should you wish to avoid a Saturday night stay buy a series of back-to-back APEX/PEX tickets. It works best if you commute or travel regularly between two cities. Let's say you

You buy two tickets, one at either end. Monday you fly to Paris on the first ticket and back to Dublin Friday on the second ticket. The following Monday you use the return half of the second ticket and on Friday the return half of the first ticket. And so on,

You save a ton of money. A business class/ normal economy round-trip for Dublin-Paris is about \$900. You can buy a deep-discount ticket with the Saturday night stay for less than \$250. For about \$350 you can buy a similar round-trip ticket from London to New York. Business class will set you back around \$3,200 - about nine times the price.

Flying economy on short-haul is not an ordeal within Europe. You are better off with one-class airlines such as Air UK, Crossair and Transwede, which offer business-style standards of service for everyone. What's more, nobody can tell that you're on e Saturday night ticket. In the United States, consider one-class carriers like Kiwi International based at Newark, New Jersey, which offers upgraded all-coach service.

Long-haul flights - especially from Europe or North America to the Far East --

work in Paris and visit Dublin on weekends.
You buy two tickets, one at either end. Mononly two kinds of plane, empty ones and full ones," says the British author Anthony Sampson. "Anything else, class, cost or airline, doesn't matter. The crucial thing is to find empty planes. At night it's best to fly economy where you can put the armrests down. It's more comfortable than first class."

Arguably, the most valuable perk in business or first class is to have the run of an airport lounge, where you can unwind away from the madding crowd. But even Saturday night folk can enjoy this amenity by joining an airline club. In the United States, airlines are obliged to offer a club membership to the general public (annual dues are \$100 to \$150. plus a one-time enrollment fee io some cases).

For clubs such as those of Lufthansa, Swissair, KLM, Cathay Pacific and British Airways, you must spend a minimum on tickets or fly so many miles a year. This can lead to some satisfying ironies. For example, a Saturday night traveler who is a member of Cathay Pacific's Marco Polo Club, gets to use the lounge at Hong Kong; a full-fare business passenger who is not a member

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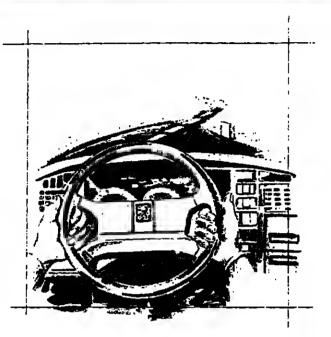
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The presidential elections due to be held in Nigeria on June 12 should bring to an end a period of military rule that has overstayed its welcome.

As the soldiers head back to the barracks, Nigeria's politicians and business leaders are gearing up to pursue parallel debates, one on the country's politi-cal evolution and the other on the most desirable economic policies for a country whose substantial oil from office. wealth has repeatedly failed to bring meaningful development.

After nearly eight years of the personal rule of General Ibrahim Babangida, Nigeria is impatient for change. While no one pretends that the new democratic system being introduced will of itself bring peace and prosperity to a country of such enor-mous diversity, there is at least a prospect that a ci-vilian administration will be more accountable than the military in managing the economy.

Although General Ba-bangida began to imple-ment a structural adjustment program (SAP) as long ago as 1986, the military's commitment to the program had begun to waver by 1990, jeopardizing the international sup-port that the SAP had at-

New reports of lax fi-nancial discipline, especially after the government failed to account for an estimated \$2.5 billion "oil windfall" at the time of the Gulf War, did not help the government's reputation. The perceived lack of financial accountability has inevitably hampered the government's efforts to win a rescheduling of debts from the country's foreign creditors.

In January, General Babangida appointed one of Nigeria's best-respected business leaders, Chief Ernest Shonekan, to manage the economy as the head of a Transitional Council. Nigerians and foreign creditors alike were impressed with the clarity

and determination with which Mr. Shonekan spelled out his priorities in his hastily drafted "budget of hope" for 1993. They are now waiting for proof that he can turn his promises into action over the next three months before the military finally retires

The challenge is daunting. With inflation reaching around 50 percent last year, and rising to annua-lized rates nearer 100 percent this year, the economy is still absorbing the effects of massive extrabudgetary expenditure in the second half of 1992.

Budget caused hopes to rise

Mr. Shonekan's hopes of removing expensive fuel subsidies and stabilizing the shaky national curren-cy are still being under-mined by the effects of government indiscipline in previous years.
Outspoken press com-

mentators in Lagos are doubtful about the ability of Mr. Shonekan and his colleagues in the Transi-tional Council to stop the economic decline in the time available. "The downward pull on the economy has achieved a trend and velocity which will be hard to reverse without stepping on toes, i.e., sending some real, not imagined, economic saboteurs to Kirikiri [the maximum security prison in Lagos]," says Dele Sabowale of the Lagos Punch. He goes on to doubt whether the Transitional Council has the power to take such steps.

Business leaders in Nigeria give Mr. Shonekan more credit. "It is understandable that the government needs huge resources to finance the diversity of programs that it is committed to, namely the transition to civil rule, external



Chief Ernest Shonekan, chairman of the Transi-tional Council.

debt repayment, moving to Abuja [the new capital city], requirements of ad-ditional states and local governments, etc.," says Alhaji M.I. Atta, chairman of First Bank of Nigeria, the largest bank in the country. "However, unless the huge deficits are reduced by a combination of expenditure control and increased revenue genera-tion, it would be difficult to put the economy back on the right path. The Transitional Council is seriously addressing this problem.

The immediate priori-ties for Mr. Shonekan's team are to try to reduce a budget deficit that amounted to at least 52 billion naira (\$2.3 billion) in 1993; to curb unrecorded extra-budgetary expenditure approved by senior regime members; to start the removal of fuel subsidies (which keep Nigerian fuel the cheapest in the world but cost the government at least \$2 billion a year); and to restore some stability to the national

currency. Support for Mr. Shone-kan's efforts may come from the incoming presidential candidate, whoever wins the election in June. The politicians have a vested interest in seeing that the most unpopular measures — especially the lifting of fuel subsidies can be taken before they er the outgoing military will allow the Transitional Council to take the risk of provoking civil unrest with such an unpopular measure in the dying days of its administration still remains to be seen.

Richard Synge

Transition Leader Paves the Way

Chief Ernest Shonekan, the head of government and chairman of the Transitional Council, answers questions on the country's economic development and recent reform measures.

Your administration has a short term within which to accomplish its economic agenda. Are you confident that you will have set the economy on a new growth path by the time of the

handover in August?
Our tenure is a very short one. Eight months would certainly not be enough for major transformations, especially in our circumstances. It is for this reason that we made strenuous efforts to define our mission immediately after the swearing in ceremony in January. We have tried to be properly focused in our approach so as not to fritter away this rare opportunity to make a positive contribution to our country's development.

The central thrust of our policy has been to implement necessary reforms that will put the economy on a firm foundation for sustained future growth

The indications so far are that we will be able to meet our target at the end of our tenure'

and development. With due modesty, I would say I am very positive about the growth prospects of these reform measures. However, as you are probably aware, economic reforms are a never-ending pro-

The agenda spelled out loan from the IMF in the 1993 budget raised The investment of some problematic issues, in Nigeria has been notably control of the federal budget deficit, liberalizing the foreign-exchange market and lifting fuel subsidies. It has been observed that you have not been able to move as fast as you intended in these areas. Do you anticipate further progress in the near future?

We have made some progress in some of the areas you mentioned. The problem, however, is that it takes time for the impact of reform measures to be fully manifested in the economy. The general framework of government policies in these areas reducing the deficit, liberalizing the foreign-exchange market and lifting subsidies on fuel - is already in place. The problems we have had in fully addressing them are not unexpected, and we remain fully determined in our resolve to move ahead. In the case of the fiscal deficit, our objective has been to reduce it to under 10 percent of GDP from around 12 percent at the end of the 1992 fiscal year. The major problem has been our debt-servicing obligation, which continues to consume a huge chunk of government reve-

Nonetheless, the indications so far are that we will be able to meet our target at the end of our tenure.

With respect to the issue of lifting the subsidies on fuel, its desirability is not at all in doubt. However, the appropriate decision will be taken in due course. So strictly speaking, the difficulties we have faced in implementing the agenda we set for ourselves in the 1993 budget are not unusual, and I want to assure you that we will continue to maintain the momentum of reforms that

we have already established during the remain-ing months of our tenure. Nigeria clearly faces difficult negotiations with its official creditors in the Paris Club. What was achieved during your re-

cent visit to Paris? I would not say that the negotiations with our official creditors have been too difficult. Indeed, from my discussions with the officials of the Paris Club, it became clear to me that there is a willingness on the part of our creditors to favorably consider Nigeria

for generous relief.

I believe our sovereign creditors fully appreciate the enormity of our debt problem and the difficulties we face at home in implementing our program and policies as well as the imperative of granting us the needed relief. However, there are still some outstanding areas that our creditors expect us to address before they can make further moves in the desired direction.

Is it now time for Nigeria to a say a loan, on soft terms, from the IMF, as part of an effort to restore fiscal and payments bal-

In the past; we have had stand-by facilities with the IMF but we did not draw from these facilities. Although we are quite interested in reaching a medinm-term agreement with the fund, this may not nec-essarily imply accepting a

The investment climate in Nigeria has been con-sidered poor for some years now. In what ways can there be improvements both to the country's international image and to the fiscal and financial environment here?

I agree with you that for one reason or another, the investment climate in Nigeria has been considered poor for some time. This is, however, not on account of lack of government initiatives to redress the situation. I believe it has more to do with the economic decline of recent

Already, we have introduced a number of reforms designed to make our investment climate attractive to both local and foreign investors. Similarly, part of the objectives of the recent Nigerian Economic Summit is to put in place fundamental reforms that will encourage investors. The government has already committed itself to this, and the signals we are getting so far indicate that hope is gradually being rekindled in our есопоту.

I have no doubt in my mind that if the incoming government can sustain the reform efforts of recent years, our investment climate will be more attractive in the not-too-distant future.

The question of improving the international image of our country is the collective responsibility of all Nigerians and our foreign friends. I would like to assure you, however, that we have a responsible government and citizenry in Nigeria. The international media have a role to play in educating the world on the largely positive side of the vast majority of Nige-

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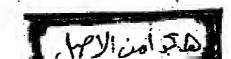
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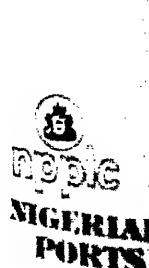
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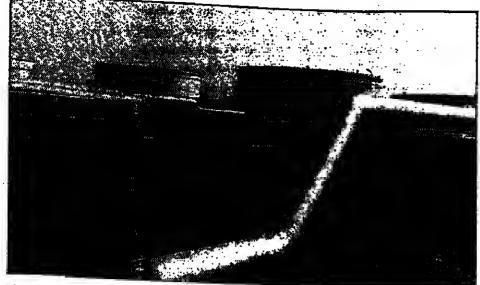




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The energy sector will remain the driving force of Nigeria's economy well into the next century and the main prospect for ex-port growth. According to a 1993 budget projection, oil exports this year will be \$11.5 billion, based on an average oil price of \$17.5 a barrel, which is lower than actual prices for the first

five months of the year. The country's oil reserves are about 60 percent of the total in sub-Saharan Africa, yet many of Nigeria's hydrocarbon resources are untapped, and some are wasted. A new ministerial team is trying to move the sector forward, before the handover. to elected civilian government in August, into deep offshore oil exploration

including the production of liquefied natural gas. New exploration, main-ly in deep water, will begin this year and should increase proven recoverable oil reserves by 25 percent, to 25 billion barrels, within the next three years. Oil Minister Philip Asiodu is confident that higher reserves will lead to an in-

Currency change aided exports.

crease in Nigeria's oil production quota agreed with OPEC. The current quota is 1.8 million barrels a day,

subject to review in June.
Nigeria's gas reserves
are even greater than its oil reserves, yet it flares about 260,000 barrels a day of gas associated with oil production wells. Joint ventures between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and Chevron of the United States and Agip of Italy have begun to produce natural gas, which previously had been wasted.

Manufactured goods from Nigeria, including household products, texand natural gas utilization, tiles and food, are in deNew Investment Incentives Proposed The appointment of a leading indus-

trialist, Chief Ernest Shonekan, to head an interim government in January and the holding of a national economic conference in Abuja the following month have focused government attention on the investment climate.

For all the good intentions of Mr. Shonekan's Transitional Council, there has been little response to the policy changes recommended by the investors and businesspeople who were invited to debate the issues with ministers in

Abuja.
The uncertainties about the scheduled transition to democracy, the instability of the foreign-exchange market and the failure of the government to phase out the subsidy on fuel prices have further weakened business confidence. "Wait and see" will be the attitude of most investors

mand throughout West

Africa. But road and rail

links are inadequate for

bulk industrial transport,

and it costs more to ship

freight from Nigeria to

Ghana than it does to Eu-

rope. The Economic Com-

munity of West African States (ECOWAS) has

failed to lift the tariff re-

strictions that have ham-

pered most of the coun-

try's leading companies. Industrial exports may

grow, but the most impor-

tant sector after oil is agri-

cultural commodities. Co-

coa beans are the main

non-oil export, worth

about \$90 million at to-

day's depressed prices,

from production of 130,000 tons. Nigeria is

the sixth-largest cocoa

producer in the world, and

the largest producer of

rubber, the third most

valuable export, with palm kernels and cashew nuts

coming fourth and fifth.
The meager contribu-

tion of a potentially

wealthy agricultural sector

has left the hopes of an

improved balance of pay-

ments resting with the en-

ergy sector, where the

scope for growth remains.
Paul Adams

in 1993. Nigeria has sub-Saha-ran Africa's richest energy reserves and good agricul-tural potential. With a GDP of around \$30 billion, it is a big market that is still growing. It has the second-largest private sec-tor in sub-Saharan Africa after South Africa and a substantial range of multinational investors in oil, vehicles, consumer goods, textiles and pharmaceuti-

But indifferent tax incentives for capital investment, inflation running at over 50 percent and two sharp depreciations of the naira in the past year have channeled most local investment into sectors with high rates of return, such as trade, finance and construction. Foreign capital is the main source of investment in manufacturing, but the weakness of the naira and a lag in re-mittance of dividends abroad reduce the hardcurrency earnings of Nige-

rian companies. New incentives for investment in oil and gas downstream sectors will permit for the first time 100 percent foreign ownership of a refinery or petrochemicals plant. The package includes security of tenure of investments, guaranteed export earnings and offshore escrow

accounts. In the non-oil sectors, the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree requiring a minimum 60 percent

Focusing attention on ownership rules

local ownership of all Nigerian companies remains the main deterrent to foreign capital injection. Outside banking, insurance and mineral and petroleum resources sectors, new companies in Nigeria are not subject to this rule, but many of the big multinationals already have affiliates in Nigeria in which they cannot gain a major-ity stake, and they are unwilling to invest more unless they can gain overall control.

Investors who attended a recent Abuja conference on the Nigerian economy proposed a wide range of investment incentives, including a cut in corporation tax to 25 percent, improved land tenure, better policing, an open market for government debt and less bureaucracy. The outgoing regime has not implemented these changes, but the civilian president scheduled to take office in August will have a blueprint for action at his disposal if he chooses to read



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UNDERSTANDING NIGERIA'S SHIPPING POLICY

The Martime Industry in Nigeria is no doubt the second largest and very important sector in the nation's economy, second only to the oil market. Over the years, this sector of Nigeria's economy has suffered neglect, abuses and infact long exploitation. In order, therefore, to check the sixtation, Nigeria's government, led by President, Ibrahim Babangida, promalgated the National Shipping Policy Decree 10 of 1987, establishing the National Maritime Authority (NMA). This singular act is considered as one of the key achievements of the Bahangida administration.

- In a matchell, the essence of the National Shipping Policy are as follows:

 (a) To essure an effective participation by Nigerian National Carriers in the lifting of eargoes generated by the Nation's economy having regard to the country's earlying right of 40 percent of the lines traffic and 50 percent in the case of all
- (b) Using the Policy as a means of promoting economic integration of the West African sub-regio
- (c) Use the Policy as an instrument of promoting economic integration of the West African sub-region (d) Use the policy as an instrument of promoting the coport trade of Nigeria and thereby accelerating the economic growth

The core object of the Policy, therefore, is to harness Nigeria's Maritime resources and consequently boost the country's economic base and as such improve the welfare of the citizency.

- (a) Co-ordinating the implementation of the National Policy on Shipping.
 (b) Ensuring that Nigerian National Carriers exercise fully Nigeria's carrying rights at least 40 percent of the freight in revenue and volume of the total trade to and from Nigeria.
- (c) Greating national carrier status to indigenous shipping lines.

 (d) Monitoring the activities of vessels of the companies granted National Carrier status.

 (e) Greating assistance to indigenous companies for fleet expansion and ship ownership.

Since its establishment barely six (6) years ago, the National Maritime Authority has been able to make giant strides. For one thing, the National Maritime Authority has in the pastaix years been able to chart a new course, introduce some good degree of control and a source of hope for serious-minded Nigerian Shipping Companies. The Authority, also, has been able to confer, on some serio

- (a) The Nigerian National Shipping Line (b) The African Ocean Line
- (c) The Nigorian Green Line
- (d) Brawal Shipping Line (e) Bulkship and Nigerbras.
- NMA has been able to establish Port Offices in all the major sea-ports in the country for the purpose of effective monitoring of Vessels and Cargoos.

 Through various activities of NMA, there is now stiffer levy collection mechanism from the gross freight thereby earning
- for the country the much desired forex.
- The Authority now has finner control of the shipping business in the country because of improved communication gadgets, necessary office infrastructure, experience, staff, membership of key international shipping bodies such as IMO, Lloyds
- regener ere. In keeping with Section 13 of the Policy, NMA is proposing the establishment of a Maritime Bank, Plans are now at advanced stages towards the establishment of the Bank, at the shortest possible time. The essence of the Bank is to facilitate indigenous els ownership by making available funds for that purpose.
- NMA is also spearheading the training of graduates from the nation's Maritime Academy, who will eventually man the Nigerian Flag Shipa. NMA, through the Shipping Policy, has made regional and continental gains in the area of harmonisation of shipping interests
- and possess in terms.

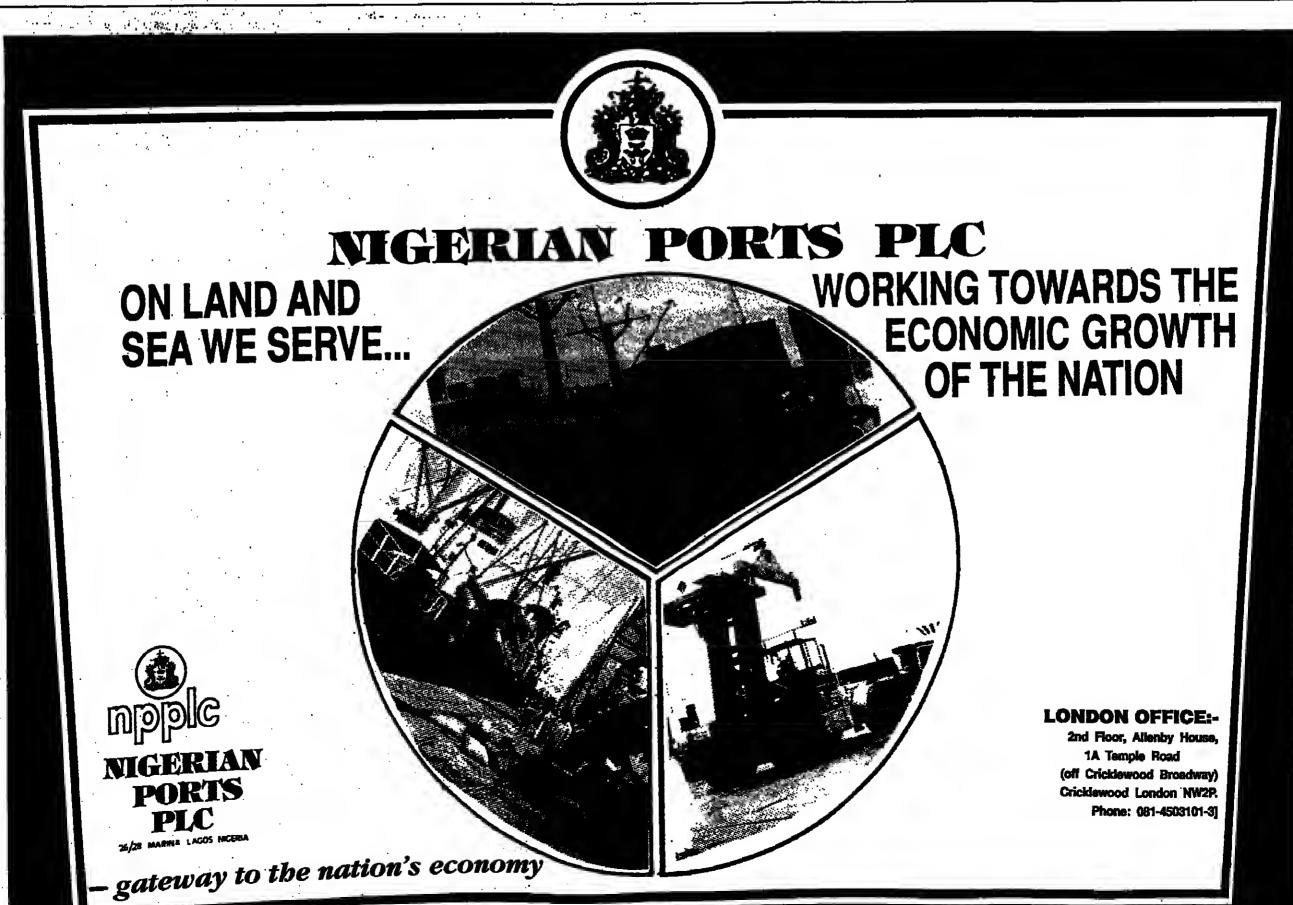
 Nigeria is now playing a leading role in the ministerial conference of West and Central African States in the area of harmonisation of shapping policies in the region. Nigeria is also making significant impact on the confinental level.

 However, the reality of the times especially as it affects shapping, have made it very necessary for Nigeria to now update the Shipping Policy baving successfully put in place internationally recognized laws for her Maritime Industry.

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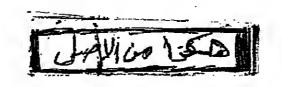
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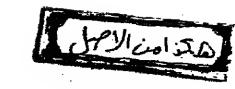
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Bonn Sets Record **Deficit**

BONN - Finance Minister Theo Waigel said Thursday that Germany was undergoing its worst postwar economic crisis and he warned Germans to stop expecting

ever-increasing prosperity.

Speaking before parliament approved a supplementary budget that will push the 1993 federal deficit to a record 67.57 billion Deut-sche marks (\$42 billion), Mr. Wai-gel said elections in 1994 would not stop him imposing suiff public-spending cuts that would also fall on welfare benefits.

The planned move of the German government and partiament to Berlin from Bonn, supposed to be completed by 2003, would have to be reviewed, he said.

"At the moment we are experiencing the sharpest economic crisis since the Federal Republic of Germany came into existence." Mr. Waigel said. "Whether real gross national product declines by 1.5 percent, 2 percent or even more is not the decisive thing. The decisive thing is rather that all plans and expectations for constantly increasing prosperity must be revised."

The Bundestag, the lower house, approved a supplementary budget of 22.54 billion DM. Total federal government expenditure in 1993 will be a record 458.14 billion DM, an increase of 7.3 percent over 1992.

Separately, the secretary of state for economics, Johann Eekhoff, said gross domestic product had fallen 1 percentage point in the first quarter, compared with the last quarter of 1992.

Speaking at the Financial Plan-ning Council of the Finance Ministry. Mr. Eekhoff said first-quarter GDP was apparently off by 3 per-cent from the 1992 first quarter. (Reuters, AFP)

Cultivated Environment French Farmer Pushes Green Methods

By Barry James

SAINT BRIEUC, France - André Pochon is a rarity among his grumbling and occasionally riotous colleagues — he says the European Communi-

ous concagnes — ne says the European Communi-ty's new agricultural policy is good for small farm-ers like himself and good for the land.

For the past decade, Mr. Pochon and about 50 like-minded farmers in Brittany have been preach-ing in the wilderness that intensive production was harming the environment and could not be sus-

Their arguments fell on stony ground so long as farmers got a subsidized price for everything they produced, whether there was a market for it or not. But the European Community last year changed the way it rewards farmers, abolishing production subsidies for cereals and other products and replacing them with direct payments to farmers linked to the area of their land and past production. Now that the Community is trying to carb the overproduction that for years has been pushing the costs of its Common Agricultural Policy through the roof, the position of Mr. Pochon and his colleagues makes more sense.

They argue that they have successfully managed to create a comfortable but not lavish way of life by respecting traditional farming techniques and avoiding large inputs of fertilizer and pesticides. They have formed an association called the Center for the Study of a More Autonomous Agriculture, known as Cedepa, to promote their views.

The group has spurred the interest of the government as it seeks to restructure French agriculture for leaner times. Could the "extensive" methods practiced by Mr. Pochon and his colleagues be the answer to rural decline and what many fear will be the depopulation of large swathes of countryside? To see if the Britany experiment could provide a model for small-scale and profitable farming in the rest of the country, the government's institute for agricultural research, INRA, will study 30 of the farms in the Cedepa network over the next five

Mr. Pochon said several hundred farms in France practice what he calls "durable" or extensive agriculture — planting special mixes of grasses and grains to fix nitrogen in the soil rather than using large quantities of chemical fertilizer, using cattle to help create a rich humus, and rotating crops to give the land a chance to recover.

According to the local newspaper, "the farms do not make huge profits, but they don't make huge

losses either and the farmers are not in any immediate difficulty. They have a much greater ability to absorb the crisis."

While French farmers were burning barricades of

tires, blocking roads and smashing foreign trucks to protest the changes in the CAP last year, Mr. Pochon was working out the sums. He found that small and medium farmers are likely to do well out of the EC's agricultural reform, and will benefit directly as the per-hectare payments increase.

In contrast, farmers accustomed for years to ncreasing their income by using intensive methods - "putting on the sauce," as Mr. Pochon de-scribed it, with heavy applications of chemical

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André Pochon, farmer

fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides and other prod-ucts — have seen their incomes fall. This is especially hurting when they have taken out bank loans to fund their expansion.

"Producing for the EC stockpile has become a habit," Mr. Pochon said, "And farmers consider they have a right to produce. This is a real pollu-

tion of the mind."

He said the EC reform "is good because it opens the way to a European agriculture which is autonomous, economic and elean, with numerous and prosperous farmers who will become the basis of

ving rural communities."

EC Commission officials in Brussels said they agreed with Mr. Pochoo's assessment, but acknowledged that this thinking had not percolated down to most French farmers.

Mr. Pochon even supports efforts to reach a GATT accord with the United States, He says this also will reduce the intensive production that he says "enriches the father but will impoverish the soo" because of the damage it does to the soil and the environment.

Mr. Pochon said intensive cultivation draws all

the nourishment out of the soil, turning it into a neutral base to which huge quantities of fertilizer

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Yen Goes Higher Despite Fed's Intervention

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar plummeted to a new postwar low against the yen Thursday as dollar purchases by the Federal Reserve and a statement by a senior U.S. Treasury official that the dollar had fallen "too far, too fast" failed

to stem its slide.

The dollar finished at 107.15 yen, down from 108.45 yen on Wednesday, after falling to 107.12 earlier in the afternoon. The dollar also fell more than 2 pfennig

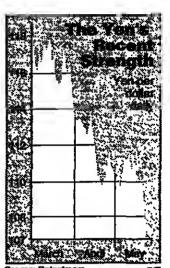
against the Deutsche mark.

Since Tuesday, the dollar has fallen more than 3 yen. The decline began when the Treasury released a report saying a strong yen could help curb Japan's trade surplus by making the country's exports more expensive. Traders said the self-off could continue.

"Once you get the market rolling, it's hard to stop it," said Jerry Egan, managing director of foreign exchange at MTB Bank. The U.S. administration's occasional calls for a stronger yen have helped drive the dollar down 14 percent against the Japanese currency so far this year.

A series of dollar purchases by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York failed to reverse the currency's decline, traders said. The first purchase sent the dollar higher, only to be met with a wave of sales. Traders used the rallies to sell dollars at higher levels," said Lizbeth Goldberg assistant vice president at Bayerische Hypotheken- &

The dollar staged a brief come-back late in the day after the Trea-sury undersecretary for interna-tional affairs, Lawrence E. Summers, said "the market has moved too far, too fast," referring to the dollar's recent slide against



The dollar soon gave up those gains, and is likely to continue turn-bling as long as Japan's trade sur-plus with the U.S. grows, traders said. "The dollar is on the defensive until we get some progress on the trade issue," said Lisa Finstrom, currency analyst at Shearson Lehman Brothers

Amy Smith, an analyst at the IDEA consulting firm, predicted there would be more administration yen-boosting after trade talks

with Japan that are coming up.

The administration seems to be hoping to get concessions in the trade talks with Japan, partially in return for its attempts to be seen to be trying to curb the yea's rise," she said. "But as soon as the talks are over, administration officials will let loose on the yen once more, and the Fed will step aside," she predicted. Still, Ms. Smith said that for

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WALL STREET WATCH

Rising interest rates?

Some say they signal a

Small Stocks' New Highs **Could Mean Broader Rally**

By Tom Petrono Los Angeles Times Service

EW YORK - Small stocks, the market's undisputed leaders in 1991 and 1992, are again trying to assert themselves. Whether they can rise to new highs in coming weeks may tell a lot about the bull market's longevity.

The Nasdaq composite index of about 4,000 stocks closed at 704.09 Thursday, a rise of 6.4 percent since the end of April. That was well above the 3.6 percent increase registered by the Dow Jones industrial average in the same period, despite the Dow's surge into record territory this week.

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Some small-stock professionals say that a new high on the Nasdaq market now could reenergize the broader market, asst as Nasdaq rallies did in 1991 and 1992.

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stronger economy. James Crabbe is one of many fund managers looking to buy smaller stocks. His Crabbe Huson Special stock fund, based in Portland, Oregon, has \$13 million in assets, of which nearly 17 percent now is in cash — more than three times the usual cash level for typical stock funds, and twice the level of a year ago for even the more aggressive ones — thanks to recent infusions from institution-

Mr. Crabbe looks for out-of-favor small stocks, and he admits that it is not easy to find bargains these days, either on Nasdaq or on the New York Stock Exchange, which also has some smaller issues. Two of his favorites are the retailer U.S. Shoe and the hospital giant National Medical Enterprises.

He still thinks the bull market is alive and well. Wall Street's persons fivation on rising inflation and rising interest rates is missing

He still thinks the bull market is alive and well. Wall Street's ourvous fixation on rising inflation and rising interest rates is missing the point, he says: Those are symptoms of a stronger economy.

Ron Baron, who manages the \$50 million-asset Baron Asset stock fund in New York, also is a bull on smaller stocks. His fund this up about 10 percent for the year to mid-May, and he says, "We're still finding plenty of stocks to buy." He adds, "Our "We're still finding plenty of stocks to buy." He adds, "Our problem is we don't have enough money to buy everything we want

He cites Delta Queen Steamboat, a New Orleans-based company that operates boat tours on the Mississippi River. These are not gambling ships, he says. Rather, the tours are aimed at retirees who want to relive the history of the Mississippi.

Like Mr. Crabbe, he admits that most stocks do not look all that

cheap. So he tries to be opportunistic, watching for any break in the market that lets him buy his favorite stocks at better prices. "It's not an easy thing to buy when everybody else is selling, but that's what you have to do," Mr. Baron says.

Grumman, JAL Unit Talk Trains

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO — Grumman Corp. and a company affiliat-ed with Japan Air Lines are discussing a cooperative venture that could pave the way for Japanese magnetically levi-tated trains to be introduced into the United States, the companies said Thursday.

While talks are still in early stages, one idea being dis-cussed is that Grumman and the Japanese company, HSST Development Corp., exchange their respective technologies for such trains, which float above the tracks like a surfer

riding a magnetic wave.

In addition, HSST executives said, Grumman might build trains using HSST tech-nology in the United States and the two companies would cooperate on bidding for pro-jects. One of the first such bids would link Kennedy International and La Guardia airports

in New York.

Foreign companies are discussing several high-tech train projects in the United States. In Texas, the High Speed Rail Authority has awarded a franchistic for the Authority has awarded a franchistic for the Authority has awarded a franchist for the Authority has awarded a franchist for the Authority has a warded a franchist for the Authority for the Author chise for a French TGV line and in January a tilt train, known as the X-2000, made by ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the Swiss-Swedish engineering concern, made demonstration runs on the Washington-New York route.

Magoetically levitated promise great speed, in some cases up to 500 miles per hour (800 kilometers per hour), and a smooth and quiet ride.

Time Is Seagram's Media Play there were no readily apparent strategic links between

NEW YORK — Scagram Co. said there was an easy the two companies' businesses. Time Warner owns Time, People and Sports Illus-

puzzled analysts. Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of the Montrealbased concern that sells liquor, wine and orange juice around the world, said Seagram considered the media and entertainment business "one of the great growth sectors of the 1990s and beyond" and Time Warner

"the best-positioned company to benefit" from growth in the field. Seagram characterized its investment in Time Warner as a friendly one, adding that it might increase its stake to as much as 15 percent; Time Warner said it welcomed its new shareholder.

Seagram disclosed its acquisition after the New York Stock Exchange closed Wednesday. Time Warner's shares gained \$2.25 Wednesday to a 52-week high of \$39, with \$1 of the gain coming in late trading in Toronto, but settled back to \$37.25 by Thursday's close. Scagram, meanwhile, was off 75 cents to \$29.375.

Even at the lower Thursday price, Seagram's 21.1 million Time Warner shares, purchased over several months for an average of \$33.24 a share, would be worth around \$785 million, giving Seagram an indicat-

ed profit of about \$85 million.
The investment surprised many analysts because

day, to lay out just over \$700 million for a 5.7 percent trated magazines, the Warner Brothers movie studio, stake in Time Warner Inc., a move that surprised and the second-largest cable-TV company in the United States and the cable-programming company Home Box Office, as well as music and book-publishing operations.

Scagram had been rumored to be seeking acquisi tions, but analysts figured they would be in the food and beverage business. And there had been rumors that someone was buying Time Warner shares — but Scagram had oot been mendoned as a possible buyer.

The Bronfman family owns 37.2 percent of Seagram and is its largest shareholder. The Seagram investment makes it the second-largest shareholder in Time Warner; the largest is Gordon Crawford's Capital Group, which owns 11 percent.

The investment-banking firm Allen & Co. represented Seagram in buying Time Warner's shares.

The announcement came only days after Time Warner's agreement to sell a 25.5 percent stake in its cable-television and movie-making operations for \$2.5 billion to US West, a regional telephone company based in Denver.

That deal had been heralded as putting Time Warner in the forefront of the telecommuni revolution that is reshaping the way American con-sumers obtain information, entertain themselves and

communicate with others.

Tokyo's Anger at U.S. **Bubbles** as Yen Rises

TOKYO - Fearful that Washington is supporting a higher yen as a hattering ram on trade, Japan on Thursday ratcheted up its criticism of the administration of President Bill Clinton.

Japanese officials are concerned that such a policy will undermine an economic recovery here later this year.

For mooths, as the rising yen has tightened the screws on corporate Japan, officials have privately offered scathing attacks of the U.S. administration's secsaw strategy of first talking up the yea, then denying it wanted to see further yen appreciation. On Thursday, as the yen surged to a postwar Tokyo record of 107.55 to the dollar, the Japanese government's anger came out into the open.

"There are too many comments by U.S. government offi-cials, which are exploited by speculative dealers," said Yuji Tanahashi, the vice minister of international trade and industry, referring to commeots

about exchange rates.

Behind the comment lies a growing sense here that the inability of the Clinton team to formulate a clear policy toward Japan has opened the door for currency traders to run up the yen. "Part of the problem is that there's been no articulated poli-cy on Japan, especially over the use of monetary tools," said Robert Orr, director of the Instimte for Pacific Rim Studies at Temple University in Tokyo. Yet some of the policy ideas

ing trade imbalances through See ANGER, Page 14

that leaked out, such as correct-

Paris Privatizations Greeted Cautiously

By Martin Baker

ooted that important details such as pricing and other terms of the

plan had not yet been disclosed.

Despite serious problems still facing the French economy, and lingering uncertainty about the government's future stance toward business, analysts said the companies that the government an-

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oounced Wednesday it planned to sell off would be widely seen by rakis — The French government's privatization program was given a qualified welcome by financial markets Thursday, as analysts ooted that important descriptions.

Paris shares posted a moderate rise Thursday, as the CAC-40 index gained just over 14 points to breach gained just over 14 points to breach the 1,900 level for the first time in more than two weeks. French government bond futures ended higher.

Dealers said the market was satisfied that a government bond program of 40 billion francs (\$7.3 bilhion), to be repaid in shares of privatized companies, would not weigh on the public-sector deficit for long.

The order and timing of the sales of 21 major French state-owned companies will be announced next

"Above all, the price must be right," said David Harrington, a French market analyst for the stockbrokerage James Capel in

The removal of the 20 percent restriction on foreign ownership is excellent for international investors," said Pascal Istell, head of European equity sales at Nomura Research Institute (Europe), refer-ring to a limit that had been set in France's previous privatization ef-fort, in the late 1980s. "But the government must be seen to be sell-ing the jewels of the public sector to its own people."

Analysis emphasized that the French public must be wooed with fiscal sweeteners. There are 1.2 trillion francs invested in moneymarket funds," said a senior economist at a Paris-based international agency. 'The government will have

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The Dow Jones industrial average rose to another record closing high on Thursday, boosted by strength in just a few of the blue-chip components.

The 30-stock average closed up 14,67 points at 3,554.83. Gains were

N.Y. Stocks

led by Chevron Corp., which jumped 3% to 88% after it said it was restructuring its refinery operations. The broad market, however, finished mostly lower, reflecting investor concerns about the weak performance of the dollar against

the yen, another surge in gold prices and the budget debate in Congress, analysts said. Declining common stocks led advancers by 8 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange and volume on the Big Board was estimated at

290 million, compared with 274 million on Wednesday, when the Dow reached its previous high. Gains in the market were hindered by Thursday evening's vote on the administration's \$500 bil-lion deficit-reduction bill, which is

House of Representatives.

There is a lot of concern about the direction of interest rates and the political environment," said Michael Metz, chief market strate-

expected to be approved by the

gist at Oppenheimer & Co. Thursday afternoon's weakness

to stop the yen breaking through 107. She said the "Treasury wants

that the dollar will fall sharply against all other currencies if the

mark Thursday amid speculation that the weak Spanish peseta could force a realignment of the European Community's exchange-rate

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further yen appreciation and de-manding results-oriented negotia-

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to dig in their heels. "They've seen

some of the anticipated demands and I think we're going to see a

ever seen before," Mr. Orr said.

in the broad market was sparked by rising Treasury bond yields. The yield of the benchmark 30-year bond, which climbed as high as 6.95 percent, ended little changed at 6.92 percent. During the afternoon, the House approved procedures for debating

the budget measure, suggesting imminent approval. Despite doubts about the bud-

get, traders said stocks would continue to be supported by the record amount of cash that has poured into the market through stock mutual funds. The Investment Company Institute reported that sales of stock mutual funds totaled \$18.2 billion in both April and March, compared with \$13 billion in the 1992 period. LTV surged in active trading

even though the steelmaker's reorganization plan confirmed Wednesday by a bankruptcy court calls for current stock to be can-celed, and holders of old LTV common to receive warrants worth only

LTV expects to emerge from seven years of Chapter 11 protection June. The stock closed up 1/32 at 9/32 og volume of more than 23.4 million shares.

Analysts at First Boston Corp. and Merrill Lynch reduced their carnings estimates for UAL Corp., the parent of United Airlines. The stock closed down 14 at 1364.

YEN: Fed Fails to Stem the Rise

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Foreign Exchange

yen rises much further." The dollar tumbled against the

The dollar ended at 1.6034 DM.

from 1.4545 and to 5.4095 French francs from 5.4820. The pound rose to \$1.5619 from \$1.5475. The mark also gained on the

Exchequer, Norman Lamont, was replaced by Kenneth Clarke, Traders said Mr. Clarke was more likely to favor lower British interest rates. Gold rose sharply in reaction to the dollar's fall, with June futures on the New York Commodity Exchange quoted at \$381.40 an ounce,

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up \$6.10 from Wednesday's close. (AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters) Declined Unchanged Total Issue-

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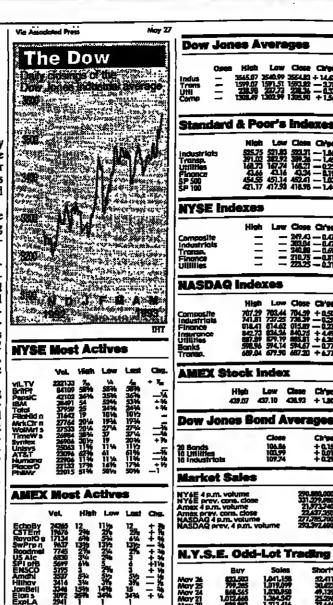
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ANGER: Tokyo's Anger at Washington Is Increasing as the Yen Rises Makoto Kuroda, a managing director of Mitsubishi Corp. and a the meeting a failure. former government trade negotia-

tor, said Japan would never cave Setting the Rules Andrew Pollack of The New York

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Chevron to Sell Refineries, Stations

SAN FRANCISCO (Bloomberg) — Chevron Corp. said Thursday it would take a \$550 million second-quarter charge as it shrinks its oil-refining operations, the largest in the United States, to reduce the high cost of complying with environmental laws.

Chevron said it would sell its refineries in Port Arthur, Texas, and Philadelphia as part of a restructuring of its fuel-making and retailing business. The company also said it would sell many of its service statical business. The company also said it would sell many of its service statical business of the Rocky Mountains to focus its downstream operations on the West Southwest and South, where it has strong market share. West, Southwest and South, where it has strong market share.

Northwest Air Weighs Going Public

MINNEAPOLIS (Combined Dispatches) — Northwest Airlines said that it might choose to go public in order to raise \$500 million of capital needed by Inna 1006 at 200 of the conditions under needed by June 1996 as one of the conditions under a cost-reduction plan agreed to by two key unions and management on Thursday.

The plan, which involves wage concessions of \$512 milion from the machinists and Teamsters unions as well as from management, will be

voted on by union members in June. Another \$365 million of wage concessions is being sought from Northwest Air pilots.

The Teamsters said Northwest had agreed to give its employees a 30

The Teamsters said Northwest had agreed in exchange for the wage percent equity stake and three board seats in exchange for the wage (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

Morgan Stanley Raises Profit 43%

NEW YORK (AP) — Morgan Stanley Group Inc. on Thursday reported a 43 percent increase in its first-quarter profit on streng performances across its business lines.

Morgan Stanley said it had earned \$198.9 million in the three months

anded April 30. It said revenue for the quarter rose 30 percent to \$1.05 Separately, Morgan Stanley said it had signed an agreement to sell Sweetheart Holdings Inc., parent of a company that makes disposable food-service products, to a group led by American Industrial Partners, an

equity investment fund.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed, but Morgan Stanley said the deal

would eliminate a \$225 million bridge loan the firm had made to Sweetheart in 1990.

MGM's Stanfill Expected to Resign

LOS ANGELES (NYT) — A year and a half after being appointed to breathe new life into ailing Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Dennis Stanfill is expected to resign as co-chief executive because of a disagreement with the studio's owner, Credit Lyonnais, over its direction.

MGM officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Thursday

that the studio planned to amounce Mr. Stanfill's resignation following a regularly scheduled meeting of MGM's board of directors in Paris:

Reports of Mr. Stanfill's departure appeared in Hollywood trade publications. Spokesmen for MGM and Credit Lyonnais declined to comment.

Sweep for Toyota in Quality Survey

DETROIT (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. leads in quality for new cars and trucks, and even U.S. assembly plants, J.D. Power & Associates said

Thursday in its automotive survey.

Japanese nameplates once again dominated the initial Quality Survey conducted by the marketing information firm. But Big Three carmakers

also improved their standing.

The Lexus LS 400 and the SC 300-400, built by Toyota, finished at the top in a measure of the fewest problems per 100 vehicles. In an assessment of light trucks, Toyota won five of six categories.

For the Record

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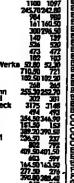




























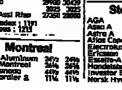












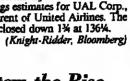


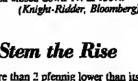












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The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European

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The EC said it had requested the

subsidies committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to establish a special panel on U.S. duties against imports of lead and bismuth carbon-steel products.

The move is the latest step in a long-running trans-Atlantic trade dispute over steel. EC officials said the Community could also call in GATT if the United States confirmed preliminary duties against a wider range of EC steel imports.

The GATT panel will likely meet cosume 4, said an EC trade official.

Re Community's executive made
the request on May 19.

In January, the U.S. Department of Commerce imposed definitive duties on imports of the products from France, Germany and Britain. Washington says the duties compensate for subsidies EC governments pay their steel producers.

Swissair Affirms Alliance Plan

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

Convinced that it will be too small to compete internationally by itself, Swissair will continue to pursue a closer alliance with three other European airlines, officials of the airline said Thursday.

A day after the Swiss government said it feared for the independence of the national flag carrier and asked for other ideas, Otto Loepfe, president of Swissair, said alternatives to such an alliance had already been considered and dismissed.

But in answer to a national uproar over the possibility of huge layoffs, the 20 percent state-owned airline said it would work harder to keep the government up to date on its

pians and discussions.

In addition, Swissair appeared to back away from earlier statements that the planned joint operating company with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines System and Austrian Airlines would be a first step toward a merger of the carriers.

Besides running into unresolved issues such as air-traffic rights, existing partnerships with other airlines and European antitrust considerations, a merger might be rejected by Swiss voters if political resistance led to a referendum on the matter, Peter Gutknecht, the spokesman, said.

step, but the final goal isn't necessarily a fasion," he said.

Because many Swiss regard Swissair as a national symbol, the notion of merging Swissair with other airlines is as foreign to them as mixing Swiss Emmentaler and Dutch Tilsiter cheeses. "There is absolutely no reason to dismantle our national flagship," the newspaper Blick argued.

It was Blick that prompted the government this week to demand that Swissair investigate alternatives to a merger after the newspaper quoted an airline industry expert as saying a merger would cost 10,000 Swissair jobs.

Swissair is in better shape than the three nther airlines. While the others had losses last ear, Swissair made a profit. The company has a strong balance sheet, a young fleet of planes, a strong image and an excellent route network, Hannes Goetz, president of the Swissair board, said this week at a sympo-

sium in St. Gallen, Switzerland. But the world airline industry is suffering from overcapacity and recessions in major markets, and European carriers competing internationally face the additional challenge of cutting costs and adapting to an environ-

ment marked by deregulation.

The U.S. airline industry is nearing the end of its troubles, and the Far East is recov-

"A joint managing company is the first ering slowly, but European airlines are two to three years from a turnaround," said Kevin Murphy, an industry analyst at Morgan Stanley in New York. He said market realities suggested that Swissair "should be allied to other airlines," adding that holding onto a small national carrier for "cultural reasons

was "really anachronistic thinking. Based on current passenger traffic, the alliance would create Europe's second-largest airline and the world's seventh-largest, allowing it to take advantage of economies of scale in purchasing, marketing, route planning and other activities.

Regarding worries that the alliance would cost 10,000 Swissair workers their jobs because Swiss wages are the highest, Mr. Goetz said they would probably have to cut jobs in the next few years even without a merger.

■ Nedlloyd-KLM Talks Reported Royal Nedlloyd Groep NV was said by a Dutch newspaper in be talking with KLM about selling the airline its 49 percent stake in Martinair Holland, AFP-Extel News reported from Amsterdam.

But a KLM spokesman, Hans Leitje, said such as transaction was "not on the agenda" at the moment. Nedlloyd nfficials were not available for comment. KLM already owns 34 percent of Martinair.

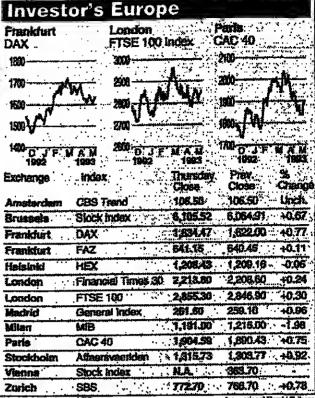
Steinkühler Is Object of Tax Inquiry

FRANKFURT - Franz Steinkühler, who resigned this week as president of the IG Metall labor union, is being investigated on suspicion of tax evasion, the Frankfurt prosecutor's office said Thursday. Mr. Steinkübler resigned as a re-sult of allegations of insider trading in shares of companies linked to Daimler-Benz AG, where be has a seat on the supervisory board. He admitted making the transactions but denied using insider knowledge. Insider trading is not illegal in Germany. To counter it, prosecutors can only check whether profits made on such trade have been de-

A spokesman for the Frankfurt prosecutor confirmed that an invesiganon imo possible tax evasion by Mr. Steinkühler was being carried out, but declined to give details. Mr. Steinkühler's deputy, Klaus Zwickel, appears to be the most likely candidate to take over the leadership of IG Metall when a

successor is chosen later this year.

clared to tax authorities.



FRENCH: Challenging a Country's Traditional Way of Doing Business

when more service-oriented European competitors arrive in the French market. Immobility of personnel that inhibits companies from picking up and moving to other

regions better adapted to their operations. • State intervention in business that stifles competition while protecting inefficient sectors and companies. While intervention has diminished, and is likely to decline further with France's coming privatization program, experts
say the tradition of dirigisme has left many large companies in a lingering state of dependence.

A hierarchical organization in most of the large French companies that has traditionally the elite schools, thus undermining motivation for advancement and personal initiative throughout the ranks.

Deficiency in foreign languages and lack of interest in working abroad, which harm French

** ** France clearly has problems of tradition and habit that are impeding its globalization," said Jack Anderson, partner in charge of the international tax and legal division of HSD/Ernst & Young in Paris. "Most of the French multinationals and many of the small and medium-sized companies know they have to change in order to survive."

Perhaps the most sensitive of the problems. experts say, is the society's reliance on a generous social system that puts a heavy financial and operational burden on employers. The system offers such benefits as: a minimum seven weeks of paid vacation and official holidays; comprehensive health insurance; "family" innce that pays out more than \$1,100 to each

woman having a baby, provided she undergoes free pre- and postnatal checkups; unemploy-ment insurance that pays around 57 percent of a claimant's prior wages for the first 12 months, and retirement benefits starting at age 60.

In addition, rigid labor laws restrict employment practices and the organization of the 39hour work week. Large retailers, for example, cannot operate on Sunday, and employers are not permitted to resurange working hours unilaterally to adjust to seasonal cycles.

"Our biggest problem is a lack of flexibility," said Didier Pinean-Valencienne, chairman of Schneider SA, a maker of electrical equipment with 97,000 employees, mostly in France and the United States. "You can see it in our retirement program and in our social coverage," he said. "We have too many advantages."

Like much of Western Europe, France built up its social system over the past half-century during a period when its markets were protected and all companies played by the same rules. But Mr. Pinean-Valencierme said the system can no longer be afforded in a global market, particularly when confronted with high-quality, low-cost producers from developing countries.

In financial terms alone, the cost of the social security system makes France one of the world's highest-cost places for manufacturing, though cheaper than Germany and Belgium.

Jonathan Story, professor of international business at the INSEAD business school at Fontainebleau, said France was paying the price for a government policy, reflected in tax legislation since the mid-1960s, that has favored capital investment as the key to bolstering productivity and economic activity, all the while steadily bolstering social benefits and the

"Nobody is ready to risk reforming the whole social security system," Mr. Story said. "The people are so wedded to the institution."

The new government of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur has made gestures to ease employer social charges by shifting funding for family benefits to the general budget, therefore to all taxpayers, and by opening discussion on flexibility in working time. But there has been no talk, so far, of surrendering social gains.

Some say that instituting structural changes in France's social system might be easier than imagined as the recession takes hald and jubs are increasingly put on the line. Two weeks ago, for example, 73 percent of the employees at Publicis Conseil, one of France's largest adverising agencies, voted to accept salary reductions in order to save up to 40 jnbs.

Other structural problems should prove harder to solve, however, because they aren't the result of policy that can be changed through legislation, but rather of cultural heritage, Here, experts say that a substantial educational effort, foreign exposure and lots of time - even a change of generations - may be necessary.

The process is all the more difficult because the executives in charge of leading the changes themselves are products of an educational system that stresses deductive reasoning and tends to block bold action and risk-taking.

"French business leaders are products of a very homogeneous way of bringing up and educating children," said Jean Hoeffner, vice president of Gemini France, a management consulting group. "It teaches them systemati-cally that seizing initiative is not the right thing to do. They are prisoners of the mold."

PRODUCE: Green Farming Pays

(Continued from first finance page) and other inputs must be added, and causing serious erosion. This, he said, had already happened in parts of the Paris basin and other

cereal-growing areas. Such intensive farming has turned France from a net food importer a generation ago to the world's second-largest agricultural exporter after the United States.

But Mr. Pochon said the surplus was not what it seemed, "because last year we imported 57 million tons of cereal substitutes, while flooding the world market with 35 million tons of subsidized exports. If Europe lived off its own soil,

there would be no surplus."

In going for growth, Mr. Pochon added, "we forgot about the pollu-

The government talks about "green tourism," encouraging jaded city dwellers and tourists to stay on farms, as a way of keeping rural areas alive. But Mr. Pochon wondered how many tourists would want in be downwind of the nosewrinkling odors emanating from Brittany's factory-like pig farms, which pollute rivers and the coast

Mr. Pochon practiced extensive farming for 38 years — "every nne nf them profitable" — before retiring recently to campaign for eco-logically kinder methods.

with their waste.

Very briefly:

Belgium's central bank will cut its directive central market rate to 7 percent from 7.2 percent Friday, and two other interest rates by 0.25 of a point. The Netherlands followed, announcing a cut in the discount rate to 6.25 percent from 6.50 percent.

 IRI, Italy's state holding company, said troubles at its steel and construction units had widened its 1992 loss to 4.688 trillion lire (\$3.2 billion), from 312 billion in 1991. Revenue rose 4 percent to 83.2 trillion lire. Group debt grew to 73 trillion lire from 63.3 trillion lire.

• Veha AG said net profit in the first quarter slid 13 percent from a year earlier to 201 million Deutsche marks (\$124 million), from 231 million DM, while full-year earnings were unlikely to match last year's. • Deere & Co., the U.S. farm-equipment group, will cut 2,000 jobs, or 25

percent of its European work force, during the next few years, a senior European Deere executive said.

 Thyssen AG said it had swing in a group pretax loss of 515 million DM (\$318 million) in the six months ended March 31, from a profit of 376 million DM a year earlier.

 Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine expects its operating profit in the first half of this year to be about 25 percent down from a year earlier, Chairman Loik Le Floch-Prigent told a shareholders meeting.

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TRADE: EC Deal on Farm Overhaul Unblocks the Way for Global Talks

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deal. "They still are overproducing," he said. "They still have tremendous stocks."

The cornerstone of the agreement was an increase in income to farmers who are required to take 15 percent of their land out of production, to an average of 262.20 Ecus (\$315) per hectare of idled land from a previous proposal of 207 Ecus. This set-aside program covers cereals, oilseeds, peas and broad beans.

Farmers who do unt rotate their nonproductive land will have to set aside 20 percent in most cases, to compensate for the fact that these farmers typically idle their least produc-

The package also included other inducements, such as a 0.6 percent increase in milk quotas for most countries and much larger increases for Italy, Spain and Greece. Also, butter prices will be cut by 5 percent over two years, instead of the one year sought by the commission.

Rene Steichen, the EC farm commissioner, said retaining the land set-asides was crucial to ensuring the success of CAP reform, which aims to curb overproduction by shifting to income supports from production subsidies. He also said the increased spending would still be within legal guidelines, although barely. The agreement will cost an extra 923 million European currency units from now through 1995, most of it in added income supports for farmers. In 1994 alone, it would add 313 million

Ecus to a provisional hudget of 36.5 billion (\$43.8 billion), roughly half of all EC spending. One commission official, who spoke on con-One commission official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the increased spending was "nothing" to pay for a deal that locked in a reform of the Community's costly Common Agricultural Policy, bought off French opposition to the deal to cut back European oilseed production and gave a fresh push to the Uruguay Round.

France can't use the veto now" on oilseeds, this official said.

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Japan's Airlines Feel the Pinch

Competition and Fall in Business Travel Widen JAL's Loss

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TOKYO - Japan Air Lines Co. announced Thursday a pretax loss of 53.81 billion yen (\$464 million) for the year ended in March, blaming stiffer price competition, a fall in business travel and lower levels of air cargo. Japan's biggest carrier said it simed to

break even for the current year and projected stronger sales, at 1.064 trillion yen. We consider 1993-94 and 1994-95 to be the most important period for our survival," the airline said. We will make every effort to restructure by cutting costs."

Four months ago, JAL announced a sweeping restructuring package involving a reduction in investment of 600 billion year over five years to 1997.

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Still, JAL added that recovery in demand for air services "is expected to be rather slow in getting off the ground." JAL said sales fell by 7.2 percent last year, on the company's money-making routes all to 1.033 trillion yen. The pretax loss represented a sharp increase from the previous year's loss of 6.04 billion yen.

In 1999-93, international passenger revenue fell by 9.7 percent to 510 billion yea. International cargo revenue fell by 16.1 per-cent to 115.7 billion yen as a major downturn in export cargo volume failed to offset bullish sport demand from Southeast Asia,

JAL's troubles were not as severe in domestic operations, with revenue from passenger flights falling just 1 percent to 262.5 billion yen and cargo operations down by 3.5 percent to 19.8 billion yen.

With two-thirds of its revenue coming from international routes, JAL is facing an assault from fare-slashing American rivals including United Airlines and Northwest Airlines, which are making a frontal assault

Compounding matters is the fact that corporate Japan, facing an economic slump at home, has been scrimping on international travel. "Business has been cutting back on first and business class travel, and that's what is killing JAL," said Victoria Melendez, an airline analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities. Meanwhile, All Nippon Airways Co., the

nation's No. 2 carrier, reported a 29 percent drop in pretax profit to 15.870 billion yen on 808.3 million yen in sales for the year ended March 31.

ANA is faring better because 85 percent of its earnings come from the highly regulated domestic market. "That is what is keeping them afloat," Ms. Melendez said. "I suspect

Fujitsu Has First Loss While Toshiba and Hitachi Slump

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — A slump in computer revenue
sent Japan's Fujitsu Ltd. plunging to an anmual loss for the first time, the company said Thursday, while earnings were severely cut at Toshiba Corp. and Hitachi Ltd.

Fujitsu posted a consolidated net loss of 32.6 billion yen (\$301 million) for the year ended March 31, and a pretax loss of 16.2 billion yen. Sales inched up 0.6 percent to 3.46 trillion yen.

The Toshiba group's pretax profit fell 25.1 percent to 85.98 billion yen on revenue that slipped 2 percent to 4.63 trillion yen.

HONG KONG — Underscoring the trou-hles of Chima's stock market for foreign inves-tors, Shenzhen Gintian Industry Co, will an-

nounce Friday that its sale of 38 million Class B

shares is undersubscribed, said a source close to

the company and a Hong Kong broker who follows it, who asked not to be identified.

A Shenzhen Gintian official said the compa-

ny would issue a statement on the share sale

shares it is offering, it will be the first Chinese

company to admit to a failed issue. The disap-

pointment for the company is particularly acute because the conglomerate had privately placed

Friday and declined to comment further.

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Hitachi's consolidated pretax profit fell 37.4 percent to 234.74 billion yen as revenue dipped 3 percent to 7.54 trillion yen.

Leading Japanese electronics makers have been hit hard by slumping economies in the United States and Europe, as well as at home.

In addition, Fujitsu is falling victim to the same trends that have hit International Business Machines Corp., as its mainstay large computer systems lose popularity in an age of cheap hardware where the personal computer

The company is expanding its multimedia

The company had hoped to raise 435.1 million yuan (\$76.1 million) to finance its latest

business forays, particularly property develop-

to do with China's Class B market, which is

reserved for foreign investors, as it does with

Foreign investors have been concerned about

disclosure laws, accounting hitches and settle-

ment problems that have plagued the Class B

share market since its inception in 1992. Worse

still, inflation seems to heating up to dangerous

Shenzhen Gintian's woes may have as much

Shenzhen Gintian Share Offer Fails

ment and high technology.

the company itself, analysts said.

products, with a new game machine called Marty and its pioneering personal computer,

For 1993-94, Fujitsu forecast zero net profit and 50 billion yen pretax profit. Both Toshiba and Hitachi forecast modest

rebounds in 1993-94. Toshiba, pinning hopes on the worldwide PC boom spreading to Japan where it is strong in laptop computers, forecast a 100 billion yen pretax profit. Hitachi saw a slight improvement in its pretax to

a casualty of that," said Richard Wong, invest-

ment manger at Wardley Investment Services.

Within the last month, the Chinese government has tried to patch up the problem by

giving the nod to a draft of the country's first

securities law. The move boosted confidence

somewhat but did not bring investors flooding

jeans from a stall and today employs about 3,800 people in 36 subsidiaries. But with trad-

ing interests, taxi-rental services, a chain of Chin Chow Chinese restaurants, a supermarket

chain and a property-development arm, it has

Shenzhen Gintian started out in 1982 selling

back to the market.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Bad Loans Cast Longer Shadow On Japan Banks

TOKYO — Earnings at Japan's main commercial banks fell by an average of 32.4 percent in the year to March 31, the fourth consecutive annual decline, the banks reported Thursday. And many of the banks expect further falls this year because of mounting bad loans.

The slide in the consolidated pretax earnings of the 11 banks surpassed the average decline of 10 percent the previous year. The banks, known in Japan as ciry banks, include such well-known in-

stitutions as Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Sumitomo Bank and Sakura Bank. The dwindling fortunes came despite a rally in Japanese share prices around the end of the business year that helped banks limit stock-portfolio losses and meet in-

ternational capital requirements. Industry analysts consider that problems arising from bad loans to the real-estate sector in the speculative orgy of the late 1980s will con-

tinne for several years. Sumitomo, Dai-Ichi Kangyo and Bank of Tokyo were exceptions among the city banks in expecting

higher profits next year.
In conjunction with the release of their earnings, the 11 city banks gave data on the extent of their

problem loans for the first time. Until now, the Finance Ministry had lummed the bad loan figures of the city banks together with Ja-pan's three long-term lenders and its seven trust banks.

Problem loans at the 11 commercial banks came to 8.436 trillion yen (\$76.9 billion) as of March 31. But analysts say the disclosure does not give the full picture, and they wonder whether the banks have set aside enough funds for a

rainy day.
"Their bad loans are much much bigger than this," said David Marshall, associate director of IBCA Ltd., a London-based international credit agency, "And their loan-loss reserve level is not high," Japanese banks define bad loans

in a way that excludes many loans

in the West, and loan-loss provisions at some Japanese banks are only 0.3 percent of their loans outstanding, Mr. Marshall said.

The performance of the banks in the year to March shows further improvements in operating income the profits derived from traditional lending activities - largely thanks 10 lower interest rates.

But given that a further easing of monetary policy seems remote, opcrating margins are likely to start to

Sanwa Bank's earnings fell 7 percent to 198 billion yen in the year to March 31 as operating revenue dropped 24 percent to 3.24 trillion yen. For this year, the bank forecast a further plunge in earnings, to 130 billion yen, with revenue slid-ing to around 3 trillion yen.

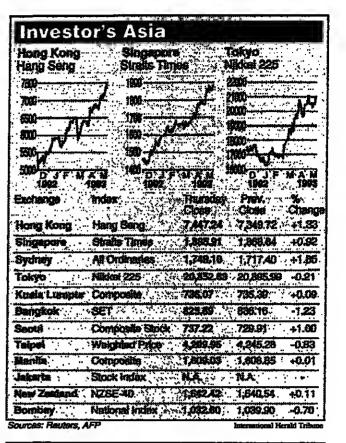
Mitsubishi said its consolidated profit fell 9 percent to 132 billion yen. Revenue dropped 25 percent to 2.92 trillion yen, the bank said, adding that it expected an even smaller profit, of 100 billion yen,

this year.
Sakura said earnings declined 19
percent to 123 billion yen while revenue dropped 26 percent to around 3 trillion yen. The bank said profit was expected to sink to 60 billion yen this year.

Dai-Ichi Kangyo, Japan's big-gest bank, saw its profit plunge 32 percent to 120 billion yen. Revenue declined 25 percent to 3.16 trillion yen, the bank said, projecting im-proved earnings of 130 billion yen for the current year despite lower

revenue of 2.9 trillion yen. Sumitomo said its group profit tumbled 68 percent to 79 billion yen while revenue fell 23 percent to 3.34 trillion yen. The bank forecast a sharply higher profit of 140 billion this year although revenue is expected to fall to around 3 trillion yen.
Fuji's earnings before tax plum-

meted 44 percent to 100 billion yen. Operating revenue dropped 25 percent to 3.07 trillion yen in the same period, the bank said, (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)



Very briefly:

 China and Britzin will begin talks on Hong Kong's new airport on June 4, the colony's government announced; this follows a memorandum of understanding signed by Prime Minister John Major in talks with Premier Li Peng in Beijing in 1991.

Minolta Camera Co. reported a loss of 13.64 billion yen (\$126.3 million) for the year ended March 31.

 Hongkong Telecommunications Ltd., the colony's monopoly provider of fixed domestic and international phone services, said its net profit had risen 13.3 percent, to 6.43 billion dollars (\$832 million) in the year ended March 31, from 5.67 billion Hong Kong dollars the year before.

• Tsan Knen (China) Enterprise, a manufacturer of electrical appliances, will be the first Taiwan-funded company to be listed on China's stock exchanges, an official newspaper said.

 President Enterprises Corp., Taiwan's biggest food company, received shareholders' approval to invest up to \$200 million in China.

Ex-Honda Official Joins Sega

TOKYO - A man who had

been considered one of the brightest executives at Honda Motor Co. before he resigned last year will take a high position at the videogame maker Sega Enterprises Ltd. Shoichiro Irimajiri, 53, was the

president of Honda of America Manufacturing from 1984 until 1988. He later became Honda's executive vice president and was considered a candidate for its presidency until he resigned in March 1992, citing health reasons.

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Out of the Desert, a French Mirage

Back to Back, 2 Trophies, One the Biggest of Them All

By Ian Thomsen al Herald Tribune

MUNICH - France had never won a continental trophy in any team sport, but two unimaginable upsets have turned its feeble tradition inside-out and upside down.

It began last month when Limoges, having sneaked into the semifinals of the European Basketball Championship by an aggregate score of two points — one basket — then overwhelmed giants Arvidas Sabonis (of Real Madrid) and Toni Kukoc (Benetton Treviso) to win France's first major otle.

Then Wednesday night in Olympic Stadium: the impossible in soccer's European Cup final.

Or so it appeared last summer, when \$60 million of new talent was being spackled onto the undefeated Italian champion AC Milan, whereas the four-time defending French titlist Olympique Marseille was selling off its stars. Milan's strategy lost out to Marseille's, 1-0, echoing a trend among American teams in this era of escalating payments.

At last France had won the greatest of all European trophies, the hrainchild of French journalist Gabriel Hanot four decades ago. The last 42 days have seen the French athletic equivalent of Inspector Clouseau turn into Arnold Schwarzenegger. Nobody's laughing at the French anymore. Suddenly they're pummeling all the bad guys and proving something good, although, as in the

The winning goal was headed into the not in the 43d minute by sweeper Basile Boli, whose nationally broad-

cast tears two years ago had charac-terized Marseille's scoreless loss to Red Star Belgrade on penalty kicks. Another of Marseille's three remaining starters from that team was Abedi Pele, whose left-footed corner found Boli in froot of the goal. Their blueand-white, flag-waving, torch-burning, hopping-up-and-down-singing band of 25,000 fans honestly couldn't believe what they were seeing.

That went, too, for a fourth veteran the 1991 Marseille team, Jean-Pierre Papin. Papin, more than any other, was

the acquisition that disrupted Milan. It was the worst \$17 million Silvio Berlusconi ever spent. When Papin arrived, it meant the periodic dismissal of hallowed Dutch midfielder Rund Gullit into the grandstand, from where he watched the loss Wednesday. Papin wasn't happy, either. Used to living alone up froot, he was now a complement to perhaps his only superior. Marco van Basten. Papin came to life only after van Basten underwent ankle surgery in Decem-ber. Then Papin suffered a torn calf. and between them they'd played in only six matches in the six weeks before the final, as Milan struggled to

"Unfortunately, we had to field several unfit players," said AC Mi-lan's coach, Fabio Capello, "If all

movies, it's hard to say exactly what. our fifth title. But it's useless to la- hien Barthez rescued them with a meot; I had to use the players who brilliant one-handed stop of striker were available."

nard Tapie, followed Berlusconi's then demoralized by Boli's goal. way, signing Chris Waddle for \$7 million, almost double his market value, and rushing to hire Franz Beckenmajor problem, since Beckenbauer didn't speak French and couldn't

communicate with the players.

Last summer, Tapie unloaded Papin, Waddle and international mid-fielder Mozer. He replaced them with said. "But it's an aging team," Capello said. "We knew Marseille was a diffi-Rudi Völler, now 33, who was forced out of AS Roma, and Alen Boksic, 23, task more difficult by wasting easy a Croatian whose league-leading 21 goals in French competition were un-expected. Papin has recently admitted to having warned Tapie that he was making a mistake in signing Bok-sic. It was, Papin ndded, the last advice he gave his old boss.

Tapie is oot the most agreeable man. Perhaps others have threatened to tear off his arm and beat him with it. Papin's futile appearance for Milan was like Tapie tearing off his own arm, handing it to Berlusconi, then destroying the Italian without it. "We retain the greatest respect for Papin, and if he said to me tomorrow

that he wanted to come back, we would take him," Tapie said cheekily after Papin's failure to score in his 35 minutes as a substitute Wednesday night.

Daniele Massaro. Thereafter Milan At one time Marseille's owner, Ber- appeared increasingly frustrated, and

"I think that we deserved to win the final in Bari two years ago," said the Olympique's 72-year-old coach, Raybauer as coach after his 1990 World mond Goethals, who will retire after Cup success. That quickly resulted in a having been hired in midseason to rescue Marseille each of the last three years. "But this is more important because we have beaten one of the world's greatest teams."

cult team to play and we made our chances in the first half."
Few will empathize with Milan, which could learn from Marseille's

less-is-more approach. As for Mar-seille, once it has clinched its fifth consecutive French title in the next two weeks, it must once again reconstruet. Midfielder Franck Sauzee signed Thursday with Atalanta of Bergamo to play in the Italian first division next season. Völler has his eye oo Japan's new J-League, Pelė, and Boksic are considering moves to Italy. Frank Rijkaard said he was leaving Milan, for France or Spain.

Neither is Goethals likely to make himself available for another midseason recall, especially given his fre-quent thrashings with the meddlesome Tapie - who, himself, must Though the Marseille defense ap. deal, for the second time in three peared overwhelmed by Milan's long balls flying overhead, goalkeeper Fatried to bribe opponents.



Olympique's coach, Raymond Goethals, 72: Good-bye.

J-League Harming Players, Zico Says

By Andrea Fornes Special to the Herald Tribune

TOKYO - Zico has been playing soccer since he was 7. Now, at the age of 40 and with an astonishing 803 goals to his credit, the Brazilian is threatening to call it quits after having come to Japan two years ago to keep his career alive and to help the Japanese begin their professional league.

With the league's first season barely two weeks old, and a leg injured, he no longer sees a foture here unless the rules are changed.

The problem, Zico said, is that the schedule, with two matches a week, is too demanding.

They want me to play next year, hut I told them it won't be possible as things stand now," he said. "I came from Brazil to play once a week and to see if I could keep ou playing. But with this system, the risk of injuring myself is very great."

With his age and a knee that has required surgery, Zico, a forward for the Kashima Antlers, is cau-tious. His ideal would be to compete once a week, then rest for two days before practicing for the oext match. In Brazil, teams seldom play more than one match a week. Last week, he had to withdraw

18 minutes into a match against the Yokohama Flugels after tearing his right thigh muscle. He is undergoing treatment that includes acu-puncture and shiatsu, or fingermid-June before he plays again. "It's difficult for a 25-year-old to play two matches a week, so you can imagine what it's like for me,

Zico said. The J-League's 10 teams play every Saturday and Wednesday. But, worse, two 15-minute suddendeath periods and then a penalty shootout can follow if regulation time ends in a draw. Matches can

last far longer than 90 minutes. By the end of it all I think most teams will be physically destroyed." Zico said, adding that the performance of Japan's national team would also suffer.
When "Jee-koh," as he's called

here, came to Japan in 1991, he found himself playing on a dirt field before crowds of less than 100. There was no dressing room and he sometimes had to wash his own uniforms. At the time, the Antlers were a second division team in the

country's amateur league. Zico considers himself a pioneer. oot just another of the 46 foreigners now playing in Japan. The inheritor of the No. 10 uniform number worn by Pelé on the Brazilian national team, he was criticized at home for a taking \$1.5 million from Sumitomo Metal Industries, which sponsors the Antiers, to go to a country where soccer was well eclipsed in popularity by baseball and sumo.

People think only about money, and they forget that you can have satisfaction by doing serious work." Zico said, "My coming motivated the J-League and other players, such as [Gary] Lineker, [Frank] Littbarski and Ramón Diaz, to come, too. They thought, 'If Zico went to Japan, there must be something to it."

The Kashima Antiers have built the league's best stadium, with a capacity of 15,000, at their headquarters about 150 kilometers north of Tokyo. And Zico, whose real name is Arthur Antunes Com-bra, is respected as a "sensei." or teacher. In addition to leading the team on the field, he coaches, imparting knowledge gained compet-ing in Brazil and Italy. Some Japanese players have sought to join the club just to learn from him.

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Even with the presence of English and Goman teachers such as Lineker and Lintbarski, Zico believes Japanese soccer will develop a style closest to that of the South American school.

"It's easier for them to learn our movements mainly because of their physical attributes," he said. "They can run as fast as Europeans but they will combine this with South American jurga, or style in Portuguese. They're not strong enough to

adopt European strategies."
Even with foreign talents setting an example, Zico said, it is impor-tant to limit their number to five per team, with a maximum three on the field at once, as is the rules oow permit. Japanese fans come to watch Japanese playing, Zico said, adding that "the public doesn't want to see only foreigners on the

team. Still, it's clear the J-League would oot have leaped onto the front pages of Japan's sports pages if not for the foreign players. Zico, who two years ago could enjoy some anonymity here, now finds he can no longer commute by

Dodgers Make It 9 Straight Reds' Schott Takes

Just how hot are the Los Angeles Dodgers? So hot that even the loss of Orel Hershiser can't Hershiser left Wednesday night's game

against San Diego with a right elbow bruised by - Kurt Stillwell's lice NL ROUNDUP drive in the secood inning. But the Dodgers went on to beat the visiting Padres, 8-3, for their ninth straight victory and their longest winning

The team said the injury did oot appear to be

Erie Davis and Tim Wallach each drove in two runs for the Dodgers during a five-run

Reds 4, Braves 0: Tim Belcher pitched a onehitter in Cincinnati, striking out 10 Atlanta batters and allowed just a first-inning double by Deion Sanders.

Expos 6, Cardinals 0: Ken Hill became the

streak since 1980.

first Montreal starter to ever win his first six games of the season, holding visiting St. Louis to three hits before being lifted after seven innings due to a strained groin.

Mets 5, Phillies 4: Dave Gallagher and Charlie O'Brieo each drove in two runs in the ninth as New York rallied in Philadelphia,

Marlins 5, Pirates 4: Florida scored the winning run on Rich Renteria's 20-foot single in the ninth, bost Pittsburgh having tied in the eighth on Andy Van Slyke's two-run, insidehe-park bomer.

Rockies 3, Astros 2: Dante Bichette drove in all of Colorado's runs with a two-run single in the fourth and a tie-breaking single in the eighth in Houston.

Cubs 4, Giants 2: Rick Wilkins and Steve Buechele homered for host Chicago, while Matt Williams and Barry Bonds hit consecutive homers in the second for San Francisco, which lost for just the second time in 11 games.

Little Note of Ban

CINCINNATI - The Reds' owner, Marge Schott, skirted terms of her one-year suspension hy passing a oote to the new manager, Davey Johnson, during the game against Atlanta.

Schott, who is allowed to sit in a box seat behind the Reds' dugout, stood up as they came off the field in the fourth and waved a piece of paper that she then tossed into the dugout to a hat boy, who read it and took it to Johnsoo on the bench. He read it and put it in his pocket. Asked after the game whether she'd passed a

oote into the dugout, Schott shook her head. Asked again, she said, "No comment." Johnson confirmed he got a oote, which, he said, asked the team to win.

"This is the first we've heard of it," Rich Levin, spokesman for baseball's executive council, "We'll have to find out more about it."

Twins Beat A's by the (Very Large) Numbers

5 wild pitches, 3 blown saves. And all in ooe game, the Minne-

AL ROUNDUP

sota Twins' 12-11 victory Wednesday in Oakland.

The 4-hour game was played in an off-and-on rainstorm. When it was over, the prevailing feeling was

"Did we win? Somebody said we won. I doo't remember," said the Twins' manager, Tom Kelly. With a 8-5 lead entering the Minnesota stopper Rick Agui-lera came on, but he walked in two runs with the bases loaded to make

Then came the ninth, and Minnesota's Pat Meares tripled to make it 10-10, and Kirby Puckett

followed with a two-run single. But it wasn't over yet. George Tsamis allowed a leadoff

home run in the bottom of the ninth to rookie Marcos Armas, then gave up two more singles before retiring Ruben Sierra on a pop-fly to end the game.

eighth, the Athletics called on relief Tigers 4, Red Sox 2: Detroit ex- Brewers 8, Blue Jays 1: Jack The oumbers: 31 hits, 23 runs, 22 ace Dennis Eckersley. He allowed tended its East lead to 34 games as Morris' ERA ballooned to 10.24 as Scott Livingstone drove in runs against visiting Boston. Royals 4, White Sox 3: George

Brett got three RBIs and Mike Macfarlane drove in the winning ruo as Kansas City won in Chicago. Brett's two-ruo homer in the third gave him 1,538 RBIs and moved him past Joe DiMaggio into 31st place on the all-time list. Next up is Willie Stargell at 1,540.

Mariners 2, Angels 0: Rich Amaral and Dave Valle singled in runs in the eighth to beat California in Seattle.

four innings while Milwankee woo in Toronto. Tom Lampkin drove in three ruos and Greg Vaughn capped a six-run fourth with a two-

Indians 7, Rangers 6: Texas' Jose Canseco provided highlight film material by letting Carlos Marti-oez's fly ball bounce off his head and over the wall in Cleveland.

Orioles 6, Yankees 2: Baltimore crupted for live runs in the eighth after Jim Leyritz failed to catch a lazy fly ball, allowing the go-ahead run to score in New York.

Mansell and the Oval Track

So Far, So Good for Englishman at Indianapolis 500

By Joseph Siano

New York Times Service
INDIANAPOLIS — Nigel Mansell was remembering the pitch a good friend, the golfer Greg Norman, made to him about living in Florida: the coovenience built into American life and, of course, the great weather.

"And since we've come to Florida," Mansell said the other day, "we've had three hurricanes," On Sunday, the 39-year-old Englishman, who left Formula One racing as last year's world champion to race Indy cars, will have his first encounter with another weather distributions the since the counter with another weather distributions the since the counter weather distributions the since the counter weather the since the counter weather the since t with another weather disturbance: the air turbulence churned up when 33 race cars hurtle into Turn 1 at the start of the Indianapolis 500.
"I don't think about it," Mansell said, referring

to a phenomenoo that Arie Luyendyk, this year's pole sitter, once likened to hammers bearing on his car. "That's probably my strength," Mansell said. "I don't think about things until I have to."

It's just as well. He might oot want to dwell on

the fact that his first oval-track race will come amid the most treacherous conditions this uniquely American form of racing offers. And he might want to forget that while practic-

ing for what would have been his first oval race on wall and tore open a pocket in his lower back that took more than 100 stitches to close. That injury delayed his arrival at the Indianapo-

lis Motor Speedway by almost a week. But since arriving on May 12, he has run fast and clean. Considering the experience last year of Nelsoo Piquet of Brazil, a three-time world champion making his debut here, that is no small achieve-

Piquet hit the wall and shattered his feet after trying to enter the pits too quickly. He later attributed the wreck to his impatience with the leisurely nature of practice sessions here.

At Formula One race weekends, practices are brisk. Drivers have about 90 minutes per session

and can squeeze in about 25 laps.

Practice at Indy seems like a cricket match by comparison. There are no fewer than 12 full practice days, oot counting the four days of time trials, with the track open seven hours each day. You have to motivate yourself to get up quick

enough," Mansell said. "You have so much time. The qualifying day was the longest of my life."

He came into pole-day qualifying on May 15 with a fast practice lap of 224,949 miles per hour. (365.898 kilometers per hour) the fourth fastest of anyone in practice this month, despite running far

fewer practice laps than most other drivers. He completed his qualifying run at 220,255, which put him in the middle of the third row. When Asked, Mansell will say that the most be expects on Sunday is a finish in the top six. Mansell, who had a combative relationship with

European reporters, has been cordial in Indianapolis. "It surpassed my greatest expectations as being the world's fastest and greatest motor racing oval" he said of the speedway.

Things might heat up Friday, when some of the 150 or so reporters from Europe get to question him at a press conference. Thanks to them, Man-

wall: the one that fell in the press room when it had to be expanded. "The biggest shock I've had here was being a bit naive in thinking I could come over here and start a ocw career and completely forget about Formula

One," Mansell said of the added attention. That shock might be replaced by a new one on

"The only thing I'm concerned about in coming here for the first time is there's only one line through the turns," he said. "I don't like the idea of 33 cars piling into here on the first lap," he said a little later. "I don't see

MEBOARD how they can get round." train or bus but must drive instead.

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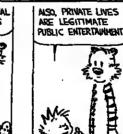


















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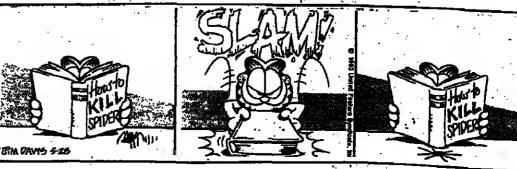


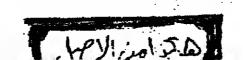


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SPORTS FRENCH OPEN

With Suns at 1-1

PHOENIX—The Seattle Supersonics, who usually do not fare well in their green jerseys, are somehow even with the Phoenix Suns in their Western Conference final. Sam Perkins's 3-point shot with 9.8 seconds remaining gave them a rare lead, and Charles Barkley—on the night he was handed his most valuable player troophy—left the arena stomping mad.

—on the night he was handed his most value trophy—left the arena stomping mad.

The final score was 103-99, but the Suns had a chance to the after Perkins's short put Seattle ahead, 101-99.

Kevin Johnson drove on Perkins, twisted Guard Kevin Johnson drove on Perkins, Iwanes around and flipped the ball to Danny Ainge, who ran to the corner and launched an off-balance shot. Bark-It-in in Press la

ley, desperately seeking the rebound, moved Shawn kemp out of the way and scored, but a referee, Mike Mathis, ruled the play illegal with 1.7 seconds left.

Barkley pleaded his case, but lost. Kemp made two free throws, and the series was mexpectedly dead-

locked at 1-1. It was Seattle's first road playoff victory after four straight defeats.

If not for nuisance Ricky Pierce, who scored 34 points between them.

All that became moot when the Sonics rallied. The Suns had seemed comfortable behind a 97-91 lead with 2:57 remaining, but the dormant Seattle footer worth three points, and Kemp sank four line drive free throws to make it 98-97 Sonies with 1:23 left.

No sound permeated America West Arena when Ainge rounded the baseline corner and dropped a pass to Miller, who banked in the go-ahead points. When Perkins's jump shot slammed off the front rim and Barkley rebounded, the Suns were far calmer.

But in his only real mistake of the night, Dan Majerle, who scored 29 points, bonneed a pass intended for Barkley straight out of bounds with 17.4 seconds left. Barkley finished with 24 points. That was the break Perkins needed.

"On my 3-point shot, the play was designed to go to the other side, and it just worked out they were double teamed," he said. "I had to take it."

The Sonics stood around before the tip-off, hands fon hips, watching Barkley's most valuable player pre-sentation. Their boredom appeared to carry over into

If not for Pierce's rainstorm of jump shots — he had 19 points by intermission — Seattle's halftime deficit would have been much worse than 54-48.

At least Barkley did not fumble the league's copper MVP trophy. Earlier this season, the Phoenix Cham-ber of Commerce commissioned a crystal cactus and presented it to him. He held it aloft and teammate Miller bumped him. The cactus fell and shattered. "I guess I was destined not to be a part of the

Chamber of Commerce, Barkley said.

On Wednesday night, he handled his new trophy more gingerly. He will mail the hardware to one of three people: his grandmother, his mother or his 4-

well, iny daughter got my gold medal. from the Olympics, Barkley said. I got no trophies at home. My family fights over all of them. My grandmother's got most, and my mom one or two. I mean, I don't want to sit around every day and think about what I've accomplished. Life doesn't stop. Yesterday, I got MVP, and today Seattle doesn't give a hoot."

This city does, and so does Magic Johnson, who not only faxed Barkley a personal note but sent congrainlatory balloons attached to a tiny, red sequined sneak-

latory balloons attached to a tiny, red sequined sneaker. Commissioner David Stern, meanwhile, chided Barkley thring his presentation speech, saying, "Your season is a role model for an MVP season." Barkley, who only wants to be role model to his daughter,

Christiana, smirked.

Then, as Barkley rejoined his teammates, Ainge and the rest of them bowed and said: "We're not worthy."

We're not worthy."

Late Sonic Boom Old Admirer Rains on Chang's Parade in Second Round Evens Playoffs Goellner Upsets Korda, Edberg Survives



Stefan Edberg was stretched to get past Aaron Krickstein, 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5, after trailing by 5-2 in the fourth set.

By Nick Stout

mal Herald Tribute PARIS - When Michael Chang won the hearts of French tennis fans with his stunning championship run here in 1989 at age 17, a slightly older admirer was watching on television from his home in Mu-

Nobody could forget that match" against Ivan Lendl, the speciator, Bernd Karbacher, was recalling here Thursday after knocking the same Michael Chang from the the 1993 French Open.

But Karbacher, now 24, had beaten Chang in a smaller tourna-ment last year, and he finished off the No. 8 seed here, I-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in a match that began Wednes-day and was suspended twice first by rain with Chang ahead, 1-0, in the second set, and then because

of darkness at I-I in the fourth.
"If you best him once, then you know you can beat him twice," said Karbacher, who benefited nonetheless from the rain, which gave him an opportunity to consult his coach. Karl Meiler, about what

went wrong in the first set. "He told me to have more pa-tience." Karbacher explained. "I went for the shots too fast. I tried to play winners all the time, in every

So the lanky German, who beat Boris Becker en route to the semifinals at Hamborg earlier this month, came back oo to the court

reputation, scoring 36 points in the 96-91 loss. the Bulls won it, would have snatched the home-

and said to himself, "O.K., let's against Stefan Edberg — knows he try." After a couple of good shots, he had his confidence back. "There are times when I will be

"That's the most important

it, then I can play like that." Chang, who had witnessed part of Karbacher's first-round victory

over Thierry Guardiola of France, concurred. "Had we continued to play, it definitely would have been to my benefit," Chang said, "because he came out after the rain delay and

played a totally different game. He ended up playing a lot better." "In the first set I was able to win a lot of points off his errors," Chang continued. "After the rain, he changed his mentality a little bit. He decided not to go for as many shots as he did in the first set."

Even when the last points were being ticked off, when, at 4-2 in the final set, Karbacher sent Chang's serve back at him like a cannonball, the American still felt he had a

"I never think about packing my bags until the fat lady sings," he declared. "And at that point she wasn't even humming yet. She started to hum when he was up

Anyone who witnessed Chang's triumph here four years ago when he was down two sets to love

able to come back and times when I thing," he said. "My tennis is based will fall a little bit short," Chang very much on confidence. If I have said. "But I think you always have to give yourself a chance to come back, because if you gain a reputa-tion for just packing up your bags, it makes it a lot easier for your

Opponents.

Aaron Krickstein might have packed up after two sets Thursday in which Edberg put on a one-man show. Instead, the Detroiter made a match of it even if he lost in the and The final score, 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 for Edberg, does not convey that Krickstein had been ahead in the fourth, 5-2. It does not convey the drama of Krickstein's three consecutive aces at 5-3 for 40-0, or Edberg's systematic comeback to save that set and win the match.

"I think I'd win that game maybe 9 out of 10 times," Krickstein said, shaking his head at those wasted set points. "I missed the first serve, then he hits a drop shot and a pretty good shot on the next point. He had to hit some pretty good

shots so win that game."
Edberg said he had been concerned because Krickstein, recently recovered from surgery on a foot broken last August, was "a very good comeback player." But he was prepared for a fifth set.

'I'm pleased I could get it over in foor," Edberg said. "Bot it wouldn't have been impossible to

do it in five."

Marc Goellner, the 22-year-old
German who surprised Lendl to win the championship in Nice this year, made a few more believers Thursday with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (10-8) victory over sixth-seeded Petr Korda, last year's losing final-

"It was very tense," Goellner said of the second tiebreaker. "I think he was a little bit more oervous than I was, and that's the reason I got lucky. I am very happy

that he was tense. But the Frenchman who bumped Lendl in the first round here Tuesday, Stephane Huet, met his match Thursday in Fernando Meligeni of Argentina, who won by 7-6 (7-4), 7-

5, 6-4.

More embarrassing for France was Sergei Bruguera's 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 rout of Thierry Champion, an erratic player who got to the quarter-finals bere in 1990. For Bruguera, the No. 10 seed who is at his best oo clay, that makes one game lost in five sets; he beat Heari Leconte, 7-

Top-seeded Pete Sampras was leading Marcos Ondruska, 7-5, when their match was suspended. There were two minor surprises on the female front Thursday when Natalia Zvereva of Belarus defeated No. 11 Amanda Coetzer

But second seeded Arantza Sán-

Late-Night Jordan Gambles With Bulls' Playoff Hopes

By Dave Anderson New York Times Service

New York - Michael Jordan turned the New York Knicks' home-court advantage into the Knicks' home-casino advantage.

Monday evening and early Tuesday morning, in the hours when Jordan's time might have been better spent resting for



After practice on Monday, he checked into Bally's Grand at 5:07 that afternoon according to a hotel employee, checked out at 11:05 P.M., was seen in the casino as late as 2:30 A.M., returned to New

NEW YORK - Phoenix's Charles Barkley,

announced Thursday.

Joining Barkley and Jordan on the first team were forward Karl Malone of Utah, center Ha-

keem Olajuwon of Houston and guard Mark

Barkley and Jordan were the only players

named on all 98 first-team ballots submitted by a

nationwide panel of NBA writers and sports

broadcasters. They received the maximum 490

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York and was on the court for a midmorning shootaround, 10 hours before Tuesday night's game.
As the Knicks took a 2-0 lead that night, one speciator yelled, referring to the brace on Jor-dan's damaged right wrist: "How's the wrist after the slots, Michael?"

Jordan reportedly lost \$5,000 playing blackjack in a private area in the baccarat pit, but that's not the issue. If he had won \$5,000, it still wouldn't justify his being a two-hour limo ride from the Bulls' midtown New York hotel at 2:30 the morning of a big game.

The issue is that arguably the best player in basketball history owes his teammates and coaches more dedication to what Jordan has called his "driving force"—the Bulls chance to win a third straight National Basketball Association title. If the Bulls are to win that third title, Michael Jordan must be what he is: basketball's Superman, larger than life and lighter than air.

points, with points awarded on a 5-3-1 basis for first-, second- or third-team nominations.

Jordan's first team selection was his seventh. He

led the league in scoring with a 32.6 average, joining Wilt Chamberlain as the only players to lead in

scoring seven consecutive seasons, and was No. 1 in

steals with a 2.83 average.

Olajuwon was third in the voting with 83 first-team votes and 455 points. For Olajuwon, the

NBA's defensive player of the year, this was his first appearance on the All-NBA team since 1989.

But with more rest, might he have scored 46 points? With more rest, might he have scored more than II in the second half, especially in the final minutes when the Bulls needed every basket? Teammates and coaches will always wonder Jordan's shot also appeared tired in the final minutes of the Bulls' 98-90 loss Sunday afternoon when he scored "only" 25 points, missing 17 of

his 27 field-goal attempts. Jordan is oow 30, and his shot should be tired. O VER THE LAST 20 months he has been playing basketball virtually nonstop: the 1991-92 season and playoffs, the Olympic Dream Team campaign, a few weeks off, then the recent 82-game season and the current playoffs. Jordan also has been bothered by a sprained

ankle and a sprained wrist suffered during the earlier playoff rounds.

All the more reason not to wander down to

In the box score Tuesday night he justified his Atlantic City the night before a game that, had

Jordan and Barkley Unanimous All-Star Picks

Malone earned his fifth straight appearance on the team after receiving 45 first-team votes and 377

44 first-team votes and 344 points. Named to the second team were forwards Dominique Wilkins of Atlanta and Larry Johnson of Charlotte, center Patrick Ewing of New York, and guards John Stockton of Utah and Joe Dumars of

points. This is the first appearance for Price, who got

Chosen to the third team were forwards Scottie Pippen of Chicago and Derrick Coleman of New Jersey, center David Robinson of San Antonio, and guards Tun Hardaway of Golden State and Drazen Perovic of New Jersey.

players are accustomed to staying up until the early hours, then sleeping late or taking a nap after the shootaround. Some NBA players enjoy frequenting the Atlantic City casinos when their teams visit Philadelphia for a game.

court advantage from the Knicks in the best-of-

seven series that resumes in Chicago on Saturday

afternoon and Monday afternoon.

Apologists for the NBA lifestyle argue that

But that doesn't prevent fans from wondering about Jordan's devotion to duty when he's sighted in a casino two hours away from his hotel at 2:30 in the morning of a playoff game.

Gambling attracts Jordan, who was often seen

the Monte Carlo casino in Monaco when the Dream Team was practicing there last summer before the Olympics in Barcelona.
Last year the NBA called Jordan on the carpet after checks totaling \$108,000 and another check

for \$57,000 were either signed by him or drawn on an account used by his ProServ management firm to pay high-stakes golf and poker debts in North Carolina, Commissioner David Stern found no cause for disciplinary action.

■ Jordan Says He Left Early

Jordan admitted Thursday he was out gambling the night before the playoff defeat, but insisted he left early and got eight hours of sleep, Reuters reported from Chicago.

Jordan denied the report in The New York

Times that wimesses had seen him at a blackjack table as late as 2:30 A.M. on Tuesday morning in Atlantic City, a two-hour limousine ride away from his room at the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan. He told reporters after practice Thursday that went up to Atlantic City at 4 o'clock" in the afternoon and gambled and played blackjack until about 11. "I took the lime back, got to my room, had eight hours of sleep," he said.

of South Africa, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6), and Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania ousted No. 16 Kimiko Date of Japan. 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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Naples' President Out

Of Jail, but Not Trouble PARIS (IHT) - Corrado Fer-laino, 62, the president of Naples' CONFERENCE FINALS M N 21 32-793 24 W 22 23- 77 football club, has been released from police custody and is under house arrest after making a long statement about his alleged involvement in the Italian corruption scandal, judicial sources said Thursday. · Scottish soccer's governing

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• UEFA said the Welsh league champion would be admitted to the

For the Record

Fred Carter had the imerim taken from his title and got a two-year contract to coach the NBA Phila-(AP delphia 76ers.

European Cup tournament next

Bryan Murray lost his job as coach of the Detroit Red Wings, who made another early exit from the Stanley Cup playoffs. (AP)
Philippine Little League officials said three provincial teams vying to represent the country in the base ball competition have been disqualified for falsifying age records

A Formula One and IndyCar challenge race at November's Aus-

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Texas A&M suspended wide receiver Brian Mitchell and linebacker Jesse Cox, bringing to six the football players declared ineligible for accepting improper summer-job payments from Warren Gilbert, a booster who owns several low-income housing projects in

Dallas. The Indonesian golf boom was put on hold Thursday when the government put a temporary ban on new course construction in Jakarta; there are now 27 courses under development in the capital, with applications to build a further

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WOMEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND

Hicole Muns-Jegerman, Netherlands, 5-7, 6-1, 63; Leile Maskill, Sepreja, del Wilfrud Prosst, Germany, 6-26-4; Kothy Rinaldi, U.S. del, Patra Ritter, Austria, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Medvedev: The Joke's on You

PARIS—Andrei Medvedev was engaged in a second-round tennis match here Thursday with an Italian opponent, but it was evident from his smile that the 18-year-old Ukrainian

had something else on his mind.
"I saw a very beautiful girl who was cheering for me," this articulate teenager explained when asked why he had been laughing. "I cannot hold my smile if I want to smile. And that is what I wanted to do, because she was Despite the distraction, Medvedev managed

to beat Renzo Furlan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, and advance to the third round of the French Open. "It was an important match, and it was not easy," he said, "but I am not like a robot. I can't only look at the balls." Unlike the stone-faced no-commenters who

epresented the Soviet Union in earlier days, Medvedev has learned colloquial English and, with a refreshing sense of humor, seems to have as much fun talking about tennis as he does playing it.
"I was overweight before the match," he said after beating Guillermo Perez-Roldan in a five-setter on Tuesday. "Happily, I'm O.K. name, he shot back: "Why? Newspapers can't talk."

Medvedev remembered taking English classes at school when he was about 10 or 11 years old. "It was maybe only once a week," he said.
"When you are that young you don't understand that you need it in the future, and I didn't make any plans about being a professional, so I couldn't even think that English

er and my mom together were pushing me to learn it, and I was a very pleasant student when I was young." Talking tennis every day, he said, made him even more proficient.

would he very important to me. But my teach-

"Then I started to go ont with girls, and I could talk about life, also," he said. "When you go to a discotheque, or somewhere else, the American guys want to talk to you because you are Russian, not because you are good looking or something And so oow Medvedev is working on his

accent? "No," he insisted, "I still want to have the accent, because I think it is charming."

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Sidewalks of New York

By Russell Baker

WASHINGTON — They're running for mayor of New York again. It must be the police escorts that go with the job. Or maybe it's the free rent that goes with Gracie Mansion. If you've ever had to pay rent in New York you know why a person will do almost any-

thing to avoid it, even be mayor. The truth about being mayor of New York is that it doesn't make much difference who does it. New York goes right on being the same eternally exasperating, lovable old mess under Mayor Dinkins that it's been since his honor was named Impellitteri, and maybe longer.

I have a lot of experience of mayors, and the best one I ever lived under was the first, Thomas D'Alesandro of Baltimore. (His son, same oame, was also mayor later.) D'Alesandro the first was always called "Tommy." A plain regular-guy nickname promotes success for a mayor. In New York it was "Ed" Koch, "Abe" Beame and "Bob" Wagner.

But it wasn't the "Tommy" that made D'Alesandro such an outstanding mayor. It was his ability

to get the streets paved.

My long experience of mayors leaves no doubt there are only two things city dwellers can reasonably expect of a mayor: one, collect the garbage; two, keep the streets paved. Tommy D'Alesandro did both, but at street-paving he was incom-

parable. He didn't just patch pot-holes, he had whole new beds of asphalt surfacing laid all the way to Some cynical Baltimore historian will probably write in saying:
"Don't be a sap. Don't you know
D'Alesandro had a relative in the
asphalt business?" No. I don't know

that. I just throw it in to show the kind of cynical letters people write whenever you praise a politician. Nor do I see that it would matter. Since a great deal of city government amounts to fleecing the population, a fleecing accompanied by

some civic improvement puts the city dweller ahead of the game.

In New York Mayor Dinkins is no Tommy D'Alesandro. My car attests to that. Periodically it has to travel up Hudson Street from the Holland Tunnel to Bleecker Street.

What this street does to a car can best be expressed by saving if my car were a horse I would have to shoot it. I'd like to absolve Mayor Dinkins by saying that no mayor in modern times has succeeded in paving New York streets, but facts are facts. Hudson Street is the worst case of mayoral unpaving since Ward Bond took his wagon train up the Chisholm Trail.

On the other hand, Dinkins is no worse than Ed Koch and Abe Beame at collecting the garbage. Strangers driving into town say they instantly recognize from the volume of trash tumbling tumbleweed-style along sidewalks and gutters that they are in a place where mayors long ago surrendered

Back during Abe Beame's governance my wife and I had to drive down to Philadelphia. As we entered the city we stared at the streets in wonder. The absence of trash was breathtaking. The cleanliness was amazing. In Philadelphia yet!

So here we have New York mayor after New York mayor who can't pave the streets and can't collect the garbage, the only two things every mayor ought to be expected to do, yet New Yorkers expect them to do other things so complicated, so expensive, so practically impossible that pulling them off would amount to passing a miracle.

They are expected to pry money for New York City out of the state government at Albany, which hasn't much use for New York City; to persuade the Congress in Washington, which is bored with all cities and wishes they would go away, that cities — and especially New York — really matter to the United States almost as much as suburbs and automobiles.

They are expected to soothe racial and ethnic hatreds, bring peace of mind to pedestrians walking mean streets at midnight, restore education in schools where children go armed for combat, make their unionized bureaucrats smile in gratitude at a citizenry that pays them so well, devise ever more ingenious taxes - in short, to make themselves available to be unable to do the impossible, much less collect the garbage and pave the streets. Yes, it must be the free rent at

Gracie Mansion. New York Times Service

Hollywood Bizarre, Off Screen Too

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - David O. Selznick once offered some tongue-in-cheek advice to an aspiring screenwriter: "Write whatever you want as long as there's a love scene and the girl jumps in the volcano at the end." When he first adapted the Ira Levin novel "Sliver." Joe Eszterhas, Hollywood's highest-paid screenwriter, fol-

lowed the Seiznick rule. Eszterhas wrote lots of "she starts to moan" love scenes for the film, changed the Sharon Stone character, a New York book editor, from good to bad, and had her fly with her boyfriend into a Hawaiian volcano at the end. But while Eszterhas is fascinated with spiritual corrup-

tion and the way men and women can get too close to the flame, he ended up rewriting "Sliver" several times, after preview audiences reacted coolly to the idea of the heroine turning immoral. (All the film from the cameramen who actually crashed into a volcano in Hawaii and oarrowly escaped death was junked.)

Eszterhas, who has been campaigning for screenwriters to get more credit and control in movies, may wish be could fade into the background this time around. His script for Phillip Noyce's "Sliver," a thriller about voyeurism and murder in a New York high-rise, was generally dismissed by critics. Writing in The New York Times, Janet Maslin described it as "exceptionally crass," a sort of "Basic Instinct! Part Deux," with chunky dialogue, a choppy plot and soggy sex scenes that served only to recall how much more cleverly he played the same chords in last year's hit, which has grossed more than \$350 million so far.

Eszterhas clearly had a sliver of a premonition that the film might be acclaimed even before it opened, because he spoke the words never spoken, and certainly never believed, in Hollywood: "Whether it's a hit or not doesn't matter. Well, sure, Joe. Maybe not to you. You'll still get a cool \$3 million or so every time you write or speak a sentence or two summarizing an original screenplay idea. Though "Sliver" was No. 1 at the box office in its opening weekend, the dismal reviews could shake Stone's status as

Hollywood's reigning sex goddess, delay William Bal-

dwin's ascensioo to leading-man rank and crimp the comeback attempt of the producer, Robert Evans. But Eszterhas will certainly cootinue to thrive in a world where screenwriters without a single success on their resumes can make a lucrative living. In his own way, the author of "Flashdance." "Jagged Edge," "Music Box" and "Basic" (as he fondly calls the dark tale of the icy blonde and the ice pick that broke all records by selling for \$3 million) is just as much an object of fantasy and longing as

Eszterhas, famous in Hollywood for denouncing the powerful agent Michael Ovitz as a bully and for highly commercial scripts that are, as one producer puts it, "written from the crotch," likes to cultivate an outlaw, Trapper John sort of look. The 48-year-old former Rolling Stone writer is a big guy, with reddish-brown hair curing around his shoulders and a flowing beard. He is wearing a Hell's Angel's ensemble, with a black T-shirt, black jeans, a white overshirt and brown leather boots, with a ring of .38 shells

The oew boots are a gift from his girlfriend, Naomi Macdonald, who has now become part of Hollywood's most famous quadrangle since Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice. The 34-year-old blonde is sitting oext to Eszterhas, wearing a lace bustier, cutoff jeans and matching brown leather boots (without bullets).



Joe Eszterhas is part of Hollywood's most famous quadrangle since Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice.

The screenwriter seems a bit distracted during the interview. As Guy McElwaine, his agent at International Creative Management, points out, Eszterhas' life has become as lurid a psychosexual drama as his scripts.

Bizarre personal lives are routine in this jaded town, but people are still shocked by the strange roundelay. "It's certainly the most tangled situation that I've ever heard or read about," Eszterhas acknowledges, as Macdonald sits beside him, looking at him adoringly.

It started at the beginning of the "Sliver" shoot last year, Eszterhas said, when he introduced his friend Sharon

Stone to his friend Bill Macdonald, the movie's 37-yearold co-producer, and within a few days, the 35-year-old Stone decided she was in love with the producer. She told Macdonald that her psychic said they should get married because they had been lovers in a previous life. Macdonald went home and told Naomi, his bride of five months whom he had lived with for 10 years before the marriage, that he wanted her to move out so he could he with Stone.

Mrs. Macdonald went home to see her parents in Ohio, learned that she was pregnant and had a miscarriage. Miserable, she lambasted her husband and the "heartless Stone oo the television show "A Current Affair" and began hanging out at the bome of Joe and Geri Eszterhas and their two teenage children, family friends with whom she and ber husband had spent Christmas in Hawaii.

"What really simply happened is that I'd been having great problems in my marriage for many years," said Eszterhas, "and my wife and I had tried to work those out, and we weren't getting anywhere with it; and Naomi came to the house, and I fell in love with her; and it's that simple." It was not quite so simple, since Geri Eszterhas and

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Naomi Macdonald were close friends. But in April, Eszterhas broke the news to his wife of 24 years and left, issuing a press release that said only, "Life is strange." He and Mrs. Macdonald have been nomads in hotel rooms ever since. Macdonald is seeking a divorce; Mrs. Macdoo-

ald is seeking an annulment. Reached at her home, Mrs. Eszterhas, who has not publicly commented on the domestic upheaval, simply

said, "I'm sorry" and bung up.
Although it has been said that Mrs. Macdonald resembles Stone, the only resemblance is in coloring. Mrs. Macdonald has blond hair and blue eyes, but she is more the sweet Midwestern farm girl than Hollywood glamour boat. Eszterhas said he has canceled plans to form a production company called Renegades with his former pal

In an interview with the Variety columnist Army Archerd, Eszterhas was quoted as saying he had intentionally sicked Sharon on Macdonald to get him out of the way so he could have Macdonald's wife to himself, but the screenwriter now explains that he was just joking.

Mrs. Macdonald understands the irony of her situation "You're hurt," she says. "You're devastated. And then you do something that hurts someone else in such a short period of time."

Eszterhas interrupts to reassure her. "What I'm trying to say to you, and it's really true, is that you didn't cause the oblems in my marriage." She replies, "But it still hurts." Turning back to a reporter, she continues: "While I was going through the ordeal, I thought, I'm a good person. There must be a reason that this has happened to me. And I just believe that I had to go through that to get the prize."

PEOPLE

Basinger Bites Bullet In Bankruptcy Court

unable to pay \$7.4 million in damages for opting not to appear in a film. A court in March had foll, the actress guilty of breaking a promise to star in the film "Boxing Helena." The bankruptcy filing prevented the court from seizing her assets and making her post a \$12.1-million bond.

The outline of a book by Gennifer Flowers detailing her self-proclaimed "affair" with President Big.
Clinton is making the rounds of select New York and the self-process of the self-proc Clinton is making the rounds of select New York publishers. The book reportedly would contain intimate secrets supposedly divided by Clinton in the contain intimate secrets supposedly divided by Clinton in the contain in the clinton of the clinto timate secrets supposedly divulged by Clinton about his marriage and other relationships. Flowers claims George Bush's campaign team asked her to tell more during the presidential campaign, but she ge-

Miss France 1993, Delphine Carre, was dethround and replaced by the first numer-up for allegedly being uncooperative at the Cames film festival. She was crinicized by pageant officials for rebuffing pho-tographers and dressing capably at

Danish Crown Prince Frederik, finishing up a year of study at Harvard University, celebrated his 25th birthday with a few hundred friends. Guests paid \$25 to a self-arship fund for cake and charge o '

The New York Philharmonic was more than a minute into Charles Ives's "The Unanswered Question" when the conductor Knot Massar suddenly signaled it to stop playing. He turned to the as-tomished audience of more than 2,700 people in Avery Fisher Helf and offered some advice. "I told the audience: 'Just concentrating makes us healthy, so if you are listening with the same concentration to our music making you would enjoy it and will forget to

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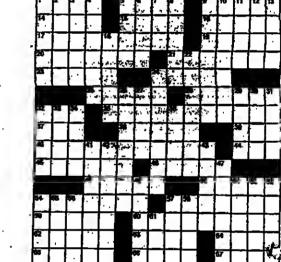
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CHAUTAUOUA SUMMER: Adventures of a Late-Twentieth-Century Vaudevillian By Rebecca Chace. 197 pages.

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T HOSE familiar with the town of Chantauqua, an upstate New York cultural mecca, may be surprised to learn that the Chautauqua is also a vandeville show that for a month each summer tours the small towns in the American Northwest and Canada. This Chautauqua of the title is where the author, daughter of the historian James Chace and the poet Jean Valentine, becomes, of all things, the trapeze artist. This brief memoir, a coming-of-age "What I Did

her budding career on the high wire, but its central pleasure is a love story as "Francesca" of the Daring Deviante Sisters comes together with "Dmitri" of the Flying Karamazov Brothers. Admittedly, a vaudeville caree

choice is curious in a family where everyone went to Harvard. The "straight" venue a Freudian "anxiety of influence," is much to be avoided, as Chace makes clear in her prologue in which she describes her fear of the ordinary as if it were a disease: "To live an ordinary life has been, above all, my definition of failure." Her career choice is all the more curious in the late '80s when everyone is convinced that vandeville is dead and that most kids have gone corporate. Nevertheless the circus has its allure for Rebecca Chace: the freedom of adventure in Europe,

friendships with jugglers and acroon My Summer Vacation," traces bats and the company of such nonconventional types as Artis the Spoonman, Magical Mystical Mi-chael, the Girls Who Wear Glasses and the Hooey Man. What we learn is that the circus is

physically rigorous and risky: "Real,

undeniable danger is what makes

circus interesting to most people," Chace explains. "If an actor's concentration slips, at worst be is panned by the critics or fired by the director: but he does not generally end up maimed or dead." Thus her first night on the wire is significant;
"I was too scared, thinking only of
the moves, trying to remember to breathe and point my toes. The bar was only a thin black line in this light, but I found it by instinct. I was vaguely aware of the mandolin play-ing below, and of the gasps when I

that had been choreographed to look like a loss of control. I leaned back into the last moment, a back bend onto the bar, which rubbed painfully on my tailbone, letting go of my hands and drawing my legs tight together, toes pointed. I held the moment of balance as long as possible, then shifted, and did my last full fall to the ankles. I pulled myself up to face them, one arm outstretched to blow a kiss, toe to the opposite knee. On the ground again, Dmitri kissed me again and again, neither of us caring who noticed. He knew, he was the only one who knew; I hadn't fallen."

Fall she does not - except for Dmitri whose main attraction is that he "moves through life with a recklessness that draws people to him." vaguely aware of the mandolin playing below, and of the gasps when I course the sexy, libidinous one of did a series of unexpected moves the four brothers.) Before the Chan-

as innkeeper to the enormous bedand-breakfast the Karamazovs owned in Port Townsend, so this summer of love is fraught with be-

tauqua, Dmitri had been living with another woman who stayed behind

is one of the original "Angry Young Men," is reading John McCrone's "The Myth of Irratio-nality: The Science of the Mind From Plato to Star Trek. "A most infuriating book that argues that the buman mind has been created entirely by language

and that consequently, man has no 'deeper depths.' (Brad Spurgeon, IHT)

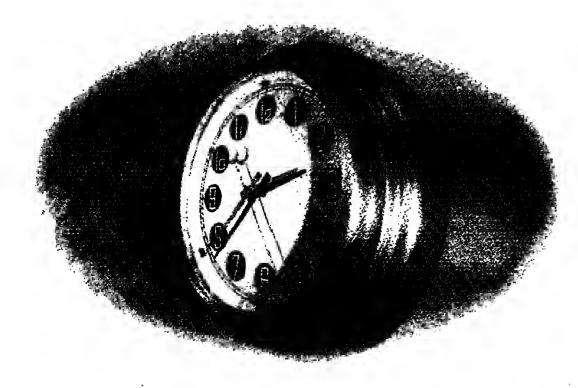


go of the beating of their own minds, Despite pretensions at togetherness trayal, guilt and uncertainty as their while men, despite their best efforts, is nothing compared to the real danare overcome by sleep. The unknowger of this circus: "I knew this ing desertion that every man is capaplace," says Chace, "the time that women spend awake, unable to let ble of, while women keep a watch through the night."

> ber Chicken, Mother Hen and Psycho Car, Chace observes the town, potentially full of armed neo-Nazis. At each site, the troupe gets its act together, pitching tents, planning parades. To keep their spirit up, the Chautauquans, intimate strangers who have the cohesiveness of kids at sleepover camp, sit in "circles," a kind of consciousness raising. In an effort to think globally in this selfcontained environment, Francesca mentions the massacre near Tiananmen Square at one such gathering; others fail to speak, fail to com-mune, fail to bond that summer.

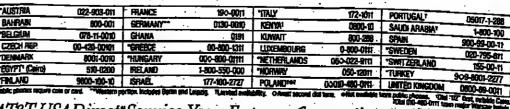
the Chautauqua does not offer all they are looking for. Perhaps the reason is that philosophically, they never go beyond the level of Dmitri's notion of divine energy. "An As the Chautaqua moves about in age of peace and enlighte Isn't that what we're all striving anyway? Why donate your time to chicles affectionately named Rubgo on Chautanqua? I'm not kidding at the end of every show when I tell the andience to go out there and save the world." Chace quotes Dmitri without irony, suggesting that she accepts this rather utopian and vague stance. But maybe that's just the nature of vandeville.

> Regina Weinreich, the author of "The Spontaneous Poetics of Jack Kerouoc" and a producer-director of the documentary "Paul Bowles: The Complete Outsider," wrote this for The Washington Post.



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